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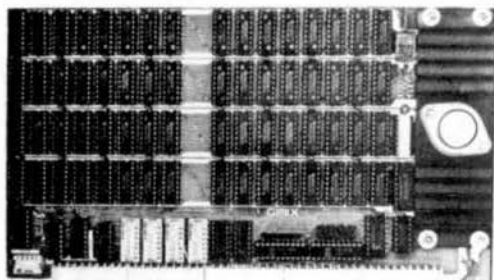
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```
90 DIM A(5)
100 I=5
110 IF I=1 THEN 200
120 FOR J=1 TO I-1
130 IF A(J)<A(J+1) THEN 170
140 T=A(J+1)
150 A(J+1)=A(J)
160 A(J)=T
170 NEXT J
180 I=I-1
190 GOTO 110
200 RETURN
```

```
DIM array(5)
outer=5
WHILE outer>1 DO
  outer=outer-1
  FOR inner=1 TO outer
    IF array(inner)>=array(inner+1) THEN
      temp=array(inner+1)
      array(inner+1)=array(inner)
      array(inner)=temp
    ENDIF
  NEXT inner
ENDWHILE
RETURN
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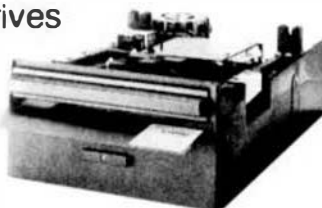
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COMPUTING ON A BUDGET

A recent letter from J. Preston Brashear III started me thinking about this hobby from the standpoint of many of us who don't have unlimited funds to spend on it. (I include myself in that category). Preston indicated that he is running MiniFlex, and doesn't intend to switch to FLEX2 only to have it become obsolete too. He indicates that he may go 6809. I can certainly sympathize with such feelings, and the feeling of being left high and dry with MiniFlex when the suppliers stopped "supporting" it. Preston indicates that he would gladly buy MiniFlex versions of software if it could be bought from the original sources. After all, adding new software is vastly cheaper than starting over again with FLEX2. He asks if there are people out there who have switched, and want to sell their old MiniFlex software (original disks only). Preston has decided to organize the MiniFlex users, and if you have written software or articles on MiniFlex that have appeared in '68' or other publications, you will be receiving a letter from him that is sort of a survey. Perhaps by the time you read this, you will already have received such a letter, and his project will have gotten off the ground. I've sent Preston all the original texts of my early "Flex User's Notes", which were filled with MiniFlex software ideas, with permission to "reprint" and distribute them to anyone who wants them.

I frankly don't have many ideas regarding the problem the MiniFlex users have regarding obtaining software. I do have sympathy for their problems. I do, however, have some suggestions for those who have more time than money. (That probably includes all of us who burn the 2 AM oil in front of our terminals). Perhaps you have noticed the ad for Hemenway Associates Software Sourcebooks. I've had good experience with them. Hemenway's Relocatable Macro Assembler for the 6800 is very good. The sourcebook costs \$24.95 (RA6800ML). To use the assembler, one needs LINK68, the Linking Loader at \$7.95. Both use the same system dependent driver module. I believe Hemenway has a FLEX2 driver available, which he will supply if you ask about it. I don't know the price. If Hemenway is not interested, I have a FLEX2 version (of the driver) and can generate a MiniFlex version rather easily. I will supply a listing for reproduction and postage costs if Hemenway doesn't supply it. Please check with them first.

The Assembler and Loader can be typed in (if you type fast) in about 50 hours, and if you are careful to keep the line count the same as in the sourcebook, you will not have much trouble with debugging it. Someone recently asked me if there is a good cross assembler to run on a 6809 system to generate 6800 code. We decided that one could modify the Hemenway code to assemble with the 6809 TSC assembler. Of course, the assembler would still accept only 6800 mnemonics and would generate 6800 object code. I managed the conversion in a couple of evenings, having had the source on a disk, and it runs very well. Hemenway also has XA6809, a cross assembler intended to run on a 6800 to generate 6809 code. It costs \$24.95 too. It is possible to assemble this source on a 6809 (after a few necessary modifications for compatibility) and have a 6809 relocatable Macro Assembler with very nice capabilities. The same system dependent driver package as runs the 6800 assembler and loader, will assemble in 6809 assembler and run with this package. When you have it working, you can go back and have great fun converting the code to take advantage of the 6809's extra capabilities such as the MUL instruction.

If you want a rather large project, purchase STRUBAL+ in sourcebook form for \$49.95. This one will probably take over 100 hours to type in. The whole package, including the compiler and various sections of the runtime package adds up to well over 13,000 lines! If you have followed this column, you are aware that I have it running on my 6800 FLEX2 system. I've been critical of this compiler in the past, because it is not terribly memory efficient, but at \$50 it beats not having a \$250 to \$300 version of Pascal because of budget problems. It does (as I have always maintained) work very well. It is not hard to use. Hemenway, just to mention all of the sourcebooks, also has a CPM like operating system called CP/68 available in source form for \$34.95. All of the above sourcebooks list drivers for CP/68.

MiniFlex users, take note that Lucidata release 2.1 Pascal is available in MiniFlex version for \$90. This is a version with REAL variables of 9 digit precision. It doesn't have scientific functions. You may remember that I published a set of functions for those several months ago. My functions are not the ultimate in either accuracy or speed, but they do work, and give results satisfactory for engineering programs, and hobby applications.

FORTH AGAIN

Frank Hogg's XFORTH is now being distributed. I've received a copy of the disk and the manual. The manual is something else! It is over 400 pages! This is (as I told Frank) the most comprehensive and understandable manual on FORTH that is available to my knowledge. I have "Using Forth" (advertized by Fig as the best manual available). When they see this one, they will have to change their recommendation. Believe me, Frank's, written by Chuck Eaker is far more complete and comprehensible. Chuck has a facility for explaining things in the right order. That is, he builds on what he has already told you. The first part of the manual is a tutorial on standard Fig FORTH. There is a glossary, and of course a section on XFORTH's features too. Check the ads in this issue of '68' for the price of the manual. I strongly recommend that anyone interested in any version of FORTH get his hands on this manual. Now I even understand what the word pair <BUILDS DOES> does. Try reading the Fig glossary description of <BUILDS nine or ten times and see if you understand it. Once you understand FORTH, the Fig glossary is an excellent reference, but it is too concise and uses too many terms you must understand before you can understand it, to be of much use to a beginner. The XFORTH manual takes a few pages to describe what these words do, and give an example or two of their use. I have had a chance to get XFORTH up and give it a workout. See below for some results in the way of further timing comparisons.

ON TO NEW WORLDS

Well, I've done it. I've decided to write a book teaching how to program in Pascal, using BASIC as a starting point. I have a feeling that many hobbyists have been scared off by the highly technical description of Pascal in the Jensen and Wirth Standard. We who suffer from the lack of a couple years of Computer Science courses have to have something at a less formal and technical level to illuminate us. I think I am relatively simple minded, and I have to break complex things down into terms I can understand. I'm hoping that my explanations will be clear to anyone understanding BASIC, and that they will help get many more of you into the world of Pascal. The project will take several months of my spare spare time.

PRINT ROUTINE USING A BUFFER

Several months ago, I noticed the pleas of John Tucker for a print routine that uses a buffer, so that the disk drives don't have to access so frequently. My working attempts are presented here. These versions

are for a serial printer on port 0 of a SWTP system and a parallel printer on port 7. Notice that the old Inertia still has me using P.CMD and PRINT.SYS. This program presented an interesting problem. A print routine can't possibly know that you have finished printing, and therefore doesn't know enough to empty the buffer if it hasn't ended up full, which is highly unlikely. My program overwrites the FLEX WARMS jump with the address of a section of the program that empties the buffer and restores the WARMS jump in FLEX, and then uses it to exit back to FLEX.

Of course the buffer may be moved, expanded, or contracted to suit your system requirements. I assembled a large program with output to the printer using the PBUF listed here, and the disks were accessed about every 12 or 13 pages of text! You may need to customize these with your printer drivers but conversion shouldn't be too hard, as I've tried to distinguish the added parts from the original printer drivers. Notice that the part of the print routine that doesn't fit in the allotted print driver area is at the beginning of the buffer area. The buffer starts immediately after the end of the driver.

CORDIC FUNCTIONS

Since my escapade with the Trig. function approximations, one writer has been kind enough to send me some information on CORDIC technique. This method may be used to generate the Trig. functions accurately and with relative speed. The method consists essentially of summing a series of terms, each successively smaller than the preceding one, in such a way that the terms add up to the input angle. Meanwhile, based on whether a particular term is added to or subtracted from the sum, an X and Y value are manipulated. If one starts with X=1, Y=0 and an angle of 0, and then sums terms in such a way as to approximate the angle very closely, the X and Y terms when divided by a constant that is dependent only on the number of terms used, become the values of the Cosine and Sine of the angle respectively.

I did a program in BASIC to try these out, and with 21 terms, was able to get Sine and Cosine approximated to 6 full places. The beauty of this method is that the manipulations of the X and Y sums may be done by simple shift and add operations. If one were using a 6800, this method would be the fastest way to arrive at Sine and Cosine. However, the 6809 has its fast MUL instruction, and the functions may be calculated to the same accuracy faster using a truncated or "telescoped" series approximation. I was also able to use the technique to implement an ARCTAN function. The technique may be used for other functions than these as well.

MORE TIME TRIALS

I've had a chance to try out a few more compilers on the PRIME number test program. This time I've had to extend the job to finding primes to a limit of 10000 in order to get the times to be long enough for reasonably accurate timing. The program is not the ultimately efficient one for each compiler. I've found that a technique that speeds up execution in one compiler may slow it down in another. The fair test seems to be an algorithm that hasn't gotten unduly complex in order to save a few percent in execution time. Times in seconds are:

TSC Pascal	59
OmegaSoft Pascal	67
Lucidata Pascal	157
Dynasoft Pascal	142
†FORTH	95
XFORTH	88

The FORTH versions use a little trick (only possible in FORTH). Since the numbers involved in finding primes are all positive integers, it is possible to take advantage of FORTH's unsigned arithmetic functions. Since these are defined for double precision, a little manipulation is involved, but they are still much faster than the single precision signed arithmetic. I defined a "FAST MOD" and a "FAST MULTIPLY" as follows:

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: F* U* DROP ;

: FMOD >R 0 R> U/ DROP ;

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The multiply simply uses the unsigned multiply U* and drops the high order word of the double precision result. FMOD supplies a high order word of value zero for U/ and drops the high order word of the result. Ray Talbot is responsible for the FMOD idea which significantly speeds up the prime program presented in the Moreira Article (Feb. '68' Micro Journal). Since my algorithm uses a number of multiplies, I decided to try an unsigned multiply too, with good results.

DYNASOFT PASCAL

A number of you have probably used Dynasoft Pascal in the cassette version. Al Jost, author of Dynasoft Pascal, has recently prepared a 6809 FLEX9 version. It has much of Pascal implemented, though it is a smaller implementation than the several others available. The entire runtime interpreter is 1173 bytes! This is a P-code implementation. Not implemented are REAL variables, RECORD data types, and SETs. Surprisingly, the dynamic variable features are implemented with the procedures NEW, MARK, and RELEASE. Compile time for the Prime test program, results of which are reported above, was 38 seconds. The execution time was quite respectable.

I see two very definite markets for this compiler. If you want a small implementation for "control" purposes, this would be an excellent choice. If you are a beginner and want to try out a Pascal before spending a larger amount on a full implementation, or if you don't need REAL variables implemented, this is also a good choice. Cost for the compiler without the source listing of the runtime interpreter is \$60. With the runtime listing, the price is \$90. The listing will be included on the diskette and will convey a license to use the interpreter in target systems (i.e. processors to be sold as part of a control package for a machine etc.). Al has indicated that he presently has no plans for a 6800 version, but "I could probably be pressured into doing it if there were enough demand." This software will be available from Frank Hogg Laboratory (probably in his ad in this issue).

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* PIA DRIVER FOR PAPER TIGER PRINTER ON PORT 7
* THIS VERSION MODIFIED TO USE APPROXIMATELY 8K IN
* HIGH MEMORY AS A PRINT BUFFER TO REDUCE DISK ACCESSES IN GENERAL
* AND HEAD LOADS IN PARTICULAR.
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* note: all code for print buffer will be commented in later case
* so that they will stand out.
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68 CCE1 7C AC00  MOV     RMP, #0000      print routine relocated for new room
69         INTR0    RMP      2          buffer input pointer
70 CCE9 00  OUTPR0  RMP      2          buffer output pointer
71 CCEB 00         INIT    FDB 0          buffer pointers initialized to 0
72 CCEC 0000        SAY JMP 0          have address vector here
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74 4000          ORG     $4000          for BK buffer, which holds about 6 pages of text
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76 * This section puts the character in ADDR into the buffer
77 * If the buffer fills, control is transferred to the next section
78 * of the program which empties the buffer to the printer.
79 * This section compares the address jump to 0 with a jump to
80 the routine that flushes the buffer. Normally it will not be
81 filled completely the last time it is used.
82 * After flushing the buffer, the ADDRESS jump is restored
83 * the program saves the address vector, so it will come with
84 a new version of FILL
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87 A000 70 CCEB  MOV     FST, INIT      have pointers been initialized?
88 A001 26 21     ONE  RMP?          if so do initialization
89 A002 34 02     ORS0  CDB?          save the character
90 A004 C0 A067   LDO     @RST00     both pointers so the start of buffer
91 A00A FB CCE7   STO     INPR0
92 A00D FB CCE9   STO     OUTPR0
93 A010 70 CCEC   SAY JMP FST
94 A011 36 C0     ONE  RMP000?      see if first line through
95 A015 FC CDD4   LDO     @RST01    already saved, even jump
96 A018 FB CCEC   STO     SAY JMP  a new start vector
97 A01B C0 A058   LDO     @RST02    set up buffer flush on exit
98 A01E 70 C004   STO     @RST03    ensure words of PRINT left to words
99 A021 73 C008   PUSH0  FDB 0      save first initialized buffer ptr
100 A024 55 02     A     RALS 4      the character for print
101 A026 51 00     PUSH1 @SYS 4      save X
102 A028 FB CCE7   LDO     INPR0      get pointer
103 A02B A7 B0     A     STA 4        at character in buffer
104 A030 BF CCE7   STA     @RST04    save pointer
105 A033 BF CDB0   CDBR    @RST05    buffer full yet?
106 A036 70 CCEC   JDB     OUTPR0    if so, go output it
107 A039 51 00     A     RALS 4      else restore X
108 A03B 59 00     RTS
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110 *
111 * The following section will output the contents of the buffer until
112 * the OUTPR0 catches up to the INPR0. It is entered on buffer full
113 * from the above section at OUTPR0, or from FLUSH at OUTB1
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116 A03E 58 10     CDBR    @RST06    X
117 A041 54 10     CDBR    @RST07    balance stack from buffer flush code
118 A043 BC CCE9   LDX     OUTPR0   get pointer
119 A045 5C 02     OUTD10 @RST08    INPR0
120 A048 54 00     ONE  @RST09      something to output?
121 A049 54 00     ONE  @RST09      if so
122 A04B 58 10     CDBR    @RST10    X
123 A04D 58 00     CDBR    @RST11    balance the stack
124 A048 5F CCEB   LDR     INIT      set up next buffer full
125 A050 58 00     CDBR    @RST12    X
126 A04D 89 02     BIT     @RST13    got a byte
127 A04E 89 07     BZ     @RST14      test transmit buffer status
128 A051 A0 00     BNE    @RST15      if not ready
129 A052 A0 00     BNE    @RST16      get character if ready
130 A053 B0 C001   STA     @RST010   output it
131 A056 20 E0T    MCR     @RST15    go get more
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133 *
134 * This code associated on a JMP entry in the program table calls PRINT
135 * It flushes the buffer and then restores the address vector and jumps
136 * there.
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138 A05B B0 A054   FLUSH  JBR     OUTB1
139 A05B FC CCEC   LDO     SAY JMP
140 A051 A0 00     BNE    @RST17    @RST17
141 A061 7A CCEC   CLR     SAY JMP
142 A064 7C CDB0   CLR     @RST06    clear flag so FLUSH will come on next call to PRINT
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144 *
145 * The remainder of BK is the buffer
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147 A067 0000 0000  PUSH0  @RST06    *

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COLOR COMPUTER EDITOR ####
by CER-COMP (C) 1981

The **CER-COM** **COLOR COMPUTER EDITOR** is a machine language program on a Cassette Tape formatted for the Radio Shack **COLOR COMPUTER**. This report was written using the **EDITOR** on a **CC** exclusively. In general, it is a handy program to have around, but does have a few weaknesses that will be discussed later. My tape contained 3 Mach. Lang. copies of "TAPEEDIT" and 1 ASCII formatted copy of "STARTUPS". One "TAPEEDIT" refuses to load; no problem with the rest. A 4-page typed set of instructions were wrapped around the cassette.

The instructions are brief, but do contain enough information to get you operational with the EDITOR. If you can hang in there long enough to learn what does and doesn't work, and get comfortable with the commands, all sort of grows on you.

The first page covers the Startup Procedures (this page is the "STARTUP" file on the tape), getting back and forth between the EDITOR and BASIC, and Tape usage. Page 2 covers the definitions used in discussing the Commands, the <BREAK> key, and Line inputs. The last 4 pages cover the Commands.

page cover the comments. The Source Listing or Memory Mapping information provided. Personally, I don't see what is to be gained by trying to keep the Program secret (we have enough trouble with TANDY there). Providing the Source Listing with 8000 Documentation only IMPROVES the product and makes it more FLEXIBLE. A Software Pro easily disassembles the code and has at it. The Neophyte is restricted to what little information is provided, and is unable to learn by studying the listing to see how procedures are accomplished. (oops) This is a review, not a complaint. The instructions give the following memory locations: Cold-Start EDU 60700; Warmstart EDU 60703; and the Line Buffer Length EDU 60754.

The following commands are used with the COLOR COMPUTER EDITOR:
LIST - like the BASIC "LIST".

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LIST - lists the BASIC "LIST".
NAMES - causes line numbers to be suppressed during lists or prints.
TLOAD - same as CLOAD in BASIC.
TSAVE - same as BASIC's "CBASE" "NAME:" A command.
TAPPEND - allows a Tape input to be added to end of current file.
RESEQUENCE - rennumbers word files, NOT for BASIC STATEMENTS.
DELETE - allows "Cleaning House" or remove large blocks of files.
SEARCH - finds all occurrences of a specified "string".
REPLACE - replaces all occurrences of one "string" with another.
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LEDIT - line edit, used for single line editing
 AEDIT - auto edit, continues from line
 BRESEQUENCE - for renumbering BASIC STATEMENTS (chgs GOTO, THEN, etc)
 COPY - relocates a block of lines and RESEQUENCES (watch out BASIC)
 MOVE - like COPY but the files MOVED are also Removed from old loc.
 SIZE - decimal amount of memory NOW IN USE, not remaining like BASIC
 PRINTER - outputs to printer, use with LINE, LIST, etc.
 EXIT - one way out of EDITOR and return to BASIC
 NEW - Just like the BASIC command
 AUTO - brings up the next line after <ENTER> (sure is NICE!)
 RLINES - removes all line numbers from the Text Buffer
 ILINES - puts them back again (ISA for compatibility w/ other sys)

OPERATION AND USES:

To "boot" BC EDITOR, just CLOAD<ENTER> (I always profile that with an AUDIOMON). I like to monitor the LOAD; and when you get the "OK", EXEC<ENTER>. You will get COLOR EDITOR's "READY" and a BLACK flashing cursor - makes it easy to tell you're working in EDITOR instead of in BASIC. I then loaded "STARTUP" with "LOAD", and when I received the "READY", tried the "LIST" command. WOW, look at all that black on the screen (the Col. Comp. prints lowercase on the screen as inverted later). All right, let's see what we have here. A little editing to start with. Either "LEDIT" or "AEDIT" work the same while editing, "L" works on a line and then dumps you back to "READY", while "A" lets you work a whole area in sequence. The "EDIT"s work as follows:

<BREAK> - cancels the operation and returns you to "READY". It is the only way out of "AEDIT" (short of <RESET>). Hitting the <BREAK> key is completely safe with COLOR EDITOR, it just gets you out of ANY command and back to "READY". It does not, in itself, delete anything, or have any bad effect on any file. If you jump out of a command before completing it, or <ENTER>ing it, <BREAK> just leaves things where they were before.

"<->" (left arrow) -> Moves the cursor to the right non-destructively, i.e., like the Space Bar with EXTENDED BASIC Editing. This allows positioning the cursor for changes, etc. (it is a little confusing until you get used to it, because the <SPACE BAR> actually inserts a "space" when editing with COLOR EDITOR, not position the cursor like BASIC's Editor. In a way, it actually saves some, doesn't it?)

"<==>" (left arrow) -> Same as the "<->" except in the other direction.

"Shift <->" -> Cursor jumps to the end of the line.

"Shift <==>" -> Cursor jumps back to the start of the line.

"Shift up-arrow" -> Inserts "spaces" and moves everything from that point to the right. This allows the insertion of characters into the file. (NOTE: The Line Buffer Length has no effect when you are in the "EDIT" modes, i.e., you can punch the end of the line right past the buffer limit you may have established. This is actually a good feature as it allows simple Editing; just be aware of it and check if file length is important.)

"Shift down arrow" -> This control "swallows spaces" and shifts all of the file following it to the left. This is the "Delete Character" control. To replace a word in a line, you position the cursor over the first letter to be replaced, type in the new word just like there was never any words there (you are actually typing right over the old word, with each new entry replacing the old character), add extra spaces if needed with the <SHIFT> Up Arrow, and "eat up" the extra spaces with <SHIFT> Down Arrow. It's a lot easier to do than say, as the saying goes, and you don't have to continuously refer to the "Manual" to see which key to push next.

<ENTER> -> This stores your "repare" in the Text Buffer. Take it from someone who is beginning, maybe, to learn if you changed something, HIT THAT <ENTER> KEY ON YOUR WAY OUT. I previously stated that the <BREAK> key was non-destructive IN ITSELF, but if you make a change and <BREAK> out of the command, you just plain didn't change nothing. <ENTER>, which the Instructions call BA (and that IS what it is), loads that file in the Text Buffer - simple, huh. It really is.

"On Arrow" -> This allows you to save DOWN the screen to the next HIGHER line. Think about it: the screen scrolls up, putting the next line, which is higher in number, at the bottom. It's natural when you are looking at the screen. This control and the next one allows you to save from line to line while in the "AEDIT" command. Personally, I would like to see these functional in "LIST" also; they are handy.

"Up Arrow" -> This is the same as the On Arrow, yep, except in the other direction. With them, it's easy to save around while editing.

OK, it really does work as a LINE Editor, but it's called a COLOR COMPUTER EDITOR. That would mean complete, right? It IS a pretty complete system. All your work is done with Line Numbers to provide positive control. But, you sure don't want line numbers on text, like this report. Simple, "RLINES" makes the Computer ignore the Line Numbers; they just don't exist with this command. It is used any time Line Numbers are not wanted, such as "PRINTER" outputs, "TSAVE" Tape recordings, etc. It will NOT remove Line Numbers from the Text Buffer! "RLINES" does that. "RLINES" REMOVES the Line Numbers; they are GONE! This allows compatibility with other systems (and provides a little Disk capability, too), and drastically reduces memory usage. "RLINES" just doesn't output them, they are still in the Text Buffer. Watch out if you are working with BASIC STATEMENTS with "RLINES" and "ILINES" (insert Line Number). If they are removed with "RLINES" and reinserted with "ILINES", the GOTO's, THEN's, etc. won't come out the same if you haven't "BRESEQUENCED" them in EDITOR or RENUMBERED them in BASIC. "RLINES" doesn't disturb BASIC because the Numbers are still there, just not outputted. Notice the two DIFFERENT "COLOR EDITOR" commands: "RESEQUENCE" and "BRESEQUENCE". The "B" prefix is for BASIC STATEMENTS; it is much slower in action because it cross-references the GOTO's, THEN's, etc., while the plain "RESEQUENCE" just cleans up the Line Numbers. While on the Line Number subject, let's mention that they are used just like in working with BASIC STATEMENT Numbers. You can assign any number anywhere, and that file is located in Numerical Sequence. The only difference in COLOR EDITOR is that the Line Number, itself, must contain a digit, with leading zeros as required. You don't need the zeros when using Line Numbers with the commands, but you do for the statements (i.e., "LIST 0-200" works OK).

The COLOR EDITOR Tape commands are what make it worthwhile. The Tape Recorder is used somewhat like a Disk System, especially if you are working BASIC STATEMENTS with the COLOR EDITOR. There is no way to transfer files between EDITOR and BASIC except thru the Tape Deck. The "TSAVE", "TLOAD", and "TAPPEND" commands are ASCII formatted EDITOR Tape operations which are compatible with BASIC's "SAVE", "A", "FORSET". CLOAD doesn't care how the tape was saved, it will LOAD just

as well one way or the other (except Mach, Lang. - binary - where an "M" must be tacked on to the command. Therefore, if you "SAVE" in ASCII with BASIC, EDITOR's "TLOAD" will load it, and EDITOR's "TSAVE" will be CLOAD'ed by BASIC. What does all of this get you? Well, suppose you are working on a large BASIC program. After living with this EDITOR a while, I'd rather develop the BASIC program on the COLOR EDITOR; the "AUTO" sure is nice, and the line Editing is simple and convenient. But, the program sure won't "RUN" in COLOR EDITOR. Also, I normally break a large program into smaller sections, check them out, and then put them together. With the COLOR EDITOR's "TAPPEND", I can load a taped file into the Text Buffer that is "appended" to the end of the current text in the Buffer. Single instant merge, no worrying about which PECK to POKE, etc. Also, the EDITOR's "SEARCH", "REPLACE", "MOVE", "COPY", and "BRESEQUENCE" commands make it easier to write a program in the COLOR EDITOR (how many times have you tried to copy a long BASIC "DRAW" or "MUSIC" statement into another location?).

As mentioned at the start, this whole report was accomplished with the COLOR EDITOR. It works as a basic Word Processor, even if it was not written to be one. The Line Buffer was set at 69 characters with a BASIC "POKE 44754, 74<ENTER>" Statement before entering the COLOR EDITOR (I wanted a 7" column width, so a 10 CPI printer yields 70 characters in 7" - 5 for the EDITOR's file control - 1 for a "fudge factor" - a 74 char. Line Buffer length). When the buffer receives it's 69 chars., the cursor stops and no input keys ask it to the screen. Then you end the line, <ENTER> it, and the next Line Number pops up on the screen (in "AUTO" Command). Nice!

WEAKNESSES:

The one relatively major weakness I have found with this Program is the lack of PRINTER CONTROL provided. Agreed, the COLOR COMPUTER is not one of the stronger machines when it comes to working with a printer. In fact, it's LOUSY!, but a program with this capability should provide that control. Some way is needed to get ASCII Control Characters to the Printer without them being printed. COLOR BASIC provides a method, albeit cumbersome, with the PRINT=2,CHR\$(this) and PRINT=2,CHR\$(that), etc. There's not even a ESC key on this Computer. It's strong on a TV Screen, but if you are using a decent Printer, be prepared for a lot of PRINT=2,CHR\$(real Statements). A Word Processor, even a simple one like this program, MUST provide the control thru Software. Other weaknesses are minor; a built tone about 5 characters before the end of the line Buffer is needed, the "up arrow, on arrow" scrolling in "LIST" would be helpful (especially with the small "window" of a 32 x 16 TV Screen), and the files are loaded onto the Tape with the program slightly close together. The only way I could separate them was with an AUDIOMOTORON<ENTER>, and while it is running, type in MOTOR OFF and wait with your finger on the <ENTER> key to stop the tape at the end of the program. The one "TAPEOUT" program I couldn't LOAD was the first one on the tape. I couldn't SKIP it because it always shuts down with an I/O ERROR, and trying to restart without the Header is a sure shutdown.

Finally, the Documentation is close to non-existent, and the instructions could be more complete. They do get you operational, but you have a lot to learn the hard way. I feel that a program for the COLOR COMPUTER should have a fairly complete set of instructions, because the normal user is not going to be an "experienced" Computer operator. I'll give Tandy one thing, the two BASIC MANUALS (the new ones), will get a new Computer user "booted up".

STRENGTHS:

Don't let the weaknesses scare you off from a GOOD program. Anyone with just a little Keyboard Time can get comfortable with the COLOR EDITOR in a short time. The problems mentioned can be worked around, and it's operational simplicity make it extremely functional and powerful. It is not meant to be a Word Processor; a good EDITOR it IS. I would recommend it to anyone who is using the COLOR COMPUTER for anything except just plugging in a Cartridge and playing games.

The "COLOR COMPUTER EDITOR" is available from:
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 5566 RICOCHET AVE.
 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89110

I would give this Program an AA+ on Don's rating scale (there's one in every crowd, Don).

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DEAR SIR(S):

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE FOR PUBLICATION YOUR MAGAZINE. I EXPECT SOME OF THE READERS USING THE TRS-80 COLOR COMPUTER WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

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FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY HAVE IDEAS OF INTERFACING THE EPSON 85-80 PRINTER WITH THE TRS-80 COLOR COMPUTER, THIS ARTICLE IS FOR YOU.

BEFORE YOU GET HYPED UP ON THE LOW PRICE OF THE PRINTER REMEMBER THAT THE COLOR COMPUTER SENDS SERIAL DATA ONLY. THIS MEANS YOU MUST EITHER FIND SOME MEANS OF CONVERTING THE SERIAL TO PARALLEL OR PURCHASE THE B141 SERIAL INTERFACE OPTION (AROUND \$90). THE B140 OPTION HAS A 2K BUFFER FOR ABOUT TWICE THE PRICE... THAT IS IF YOU CAN FIND ONE EACH WORD IS MADE UP OF A STARTING PULSE, SEVEN DATA PULSES, AND TWO STOP PULSES. THE COMPUTER HAS TO STOP AFTER SENDING EACH LETTER AND WAIT FOR THE "DATA READY" PULSE BEFORE FROM THE PRINTER. SINCE YOU ARE SENDING PULSES TO THE PRINTER AT A RATE OF 80 BAUD (PER SECOND) AND EACH LETTER REQUIRES TEN PULSES (PLUS THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT) THE BEST SPEED YOU COULD POSSIBLY HOPE FOR WOULD BE UNDER 40 CPS. THEN THERE'S THE LINE IT TAKES TO FILL THE BUFFER (BORA GET FOR EACH LINE WHICH ALLOWS THE BI-DIRECTIONAL FEATURE TO TAKE PLACE.

PARALLEL CONVERSION WON'T SAVED THINGS UP EITHER. SINCE THE COMPUTER SENDS ONLY AT 80 BAUD THE PARALLEL CONVERTER WILL HAVE TO WAIT ON THE COMPLETE TEN-PULSE SIGNAL TO PASS IT ON IN A PARALLEL FORM. PRICE SHOULD BE THE DETERMINING FACTOR. IN THIS CASE IT'S IN FAVOR OF THE SERIAL INTERFACE.

THE B141 BOARD PLUGS RIGHT INTO THE MOTHER BOARD. AFTER STEPPING THROUGH THE MOTHERBOARD YOU WILL REMOVE THE COVER AND FIND TWO DIP-SWITCHES ON THE MOTHERBOARD. IT IS WISE TO REMOVE THE DUST COVERS AND CHECK THESE CAREFULLY. THEY MAY NOT BE SET AT THE CORRECT ORIGIN (SHOWN ON PAGE 14 OF THE USER'S MANUAL). PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE SWITCHES ARE UPSIDE DOWN AND THE HIGHEST NUMBERED UNIT

CHES START ON THE TOP. IF YOU WANT FOR 10N CHARACTERS SUCH AS JAPANESE YOU SHOULD REFER TO APPENDIX C. OTHERWISE THEY SHOULD BE IN THE 'FACTORY SET' POSITIONS. AFTER REPLACING THE DUST COVER ON THE SWITCHES YOU ARE READY TO INSTALL THE RADIO BOARD 'SERIAL INTERFACE BOARD'. TAKE TIME TO BE SURE THE CONNECTING PLUGS FITTED TO DIRECTLY WITH THE JACKS ON THE BOARD BELOW. NOW USE THE FOUR SCREWS INCLUDED TO HOLD DOWN THE INTERFACE BOARD ONTO THE FOUR SUPPORT RODS. PLUS THE CASE GROUND WIRE FROM THE MOTHER BOARD AND INSERT IT INTO THE GPI (ON BOARD) ON THE INTERFACE BOARD AND IT SHOULD LIKE YOU'RE ALL SET TO GO.

NOT YET! YOU STILL HAVE TO GET THE DIP SWITCHES ON THE INTERFACE BOARD OFF. COME THE DUST COVER AND THE SWITCHES SET SET A? 600 BAUD, 7-BIT WORD LENGTH, A NO PARITY OFF. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE ROUTINE WITH THE JUMPERS. THEY ARE ALL CORRECT IF THEY ARE AS THE FACTORY SET POSITION IN TABLE 1 (PAGE 3 OF THE INTERFACE MANUAL). NOW ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO REMOVE THE COVER PLATE FROM THE COVER (IT'S HELD ON ONLY WITH TAPES). INSTALL THE DUST COVER ON THE DIP SWITCH AND REASSEMBLE THE CASE IN THE REVERSE ORDER.

WITH EVERYTHING ALL SET IT'S ALL READY TO GO, RIGHT? GUESS AGAIN! THE PIN SETTINGS RADIO SHACK LISTS IN THE SERIAL INTERFACE TABLE ON PAGE 26 OF THE BLACK OPERATING MANUAL IS 'NOT' CORRECT. AFTER HANGING WITH THE LOCAL SERVICE REPS FOR A EMBOW HERE IN ATLANTA FOR A WHILE AND GETTING NOWHERE FAST I TRIED THE FORT WORTH HOT-LINE. ARMED WITH WARNINGS OF BEING ON HOLD FOR HOURS I FIXED A COLD DRINK AND SAT BACK WITH THE BOOB TUBE BLARING AWAY BEFORE I CALLED. THE TEN MINUTE WAIT WASN'T SO BAD IF YOU FORGET THE REPETIOUS RECORDING THEY HAVE AND REMEMBER THAT IT'S AN 800 NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED. SOME SERIOUS HEAD SCRATCHING TOOK PLACE BEFORE THE DEMON WAS UNCOVERED. IT SEEMS THAT THE TABLE IN THE OPERATING MANUAL IS FOR MODEMS. THE CARRIER DETECT LINE IS NOT EVEN USED. IF YOU HAVE THE RADIO SHACK PRINTER CABLE FOR THE 25-PIN CONNECTOR YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SNIP THAT NASTY B LACK WIRE AT THE 25-PIN CONNECTOR END. THE 25-PIN CONNECTOR SUPPLIED BY THE SHACK ONLY HAS 4 PINS INSERTED INTO HOLES IN THE PLUG. IT BEEMED LIKE A POOR WAY TO WIRE SUCH A LARGE CONNECTOR UP SO I BOUGHT A 4-PIN TO 4-PIN DIN PLUG SET AT RADIO SHACK ALONG WITH ANOTHER 25-PIN CONNECTOR AND USED THE ORIGINAL AS A SPARE. FOR 1 MORE OF YOU WHO WANT TO USE THE RADIO SHACK CABLE (KEEP IN MIND THAT TO CHANGE PIN SETTINGS ON THE 25-PIN PLUG YOU WILL HAVE TO PUSH THE PINS OUT OF THE ORIGINAL SPOTS AND REINSERT THEM INTO THE CORRECT ONES. CORRECT PIN SETTINGS ARE LISTED IN THE TABLE BELOW.

WELL, I HOPE I HAVEN'T DISCOURAGED ANYONE AWAY FROM USING THE RX-80 PRINTER. ONCE YOU GET USED TO THE PRINTING SOUND IT MAKES YOU WON'T DO WITHOUT IT. THIS LITTLE BABY PUTS ON SUCH A SHOW IT'LL MAKE YOU FORGET ALL ABOUT THE NICE COLOR GRAPHICS OF THE COMPUTER. THE ONLY TWO PROBLEMS I'M HAVING WITH IT NOW IS TURNING IT OFF AND KEEPING IT WELL FED WITH PAPER!

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COMPUTER : PRINTER
*****
2      20
3      7
4      3

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DUMP

by Jeff Brown

A Memory dump is one of the most useful computer utilities. Unfortunately, Good memory dumps are scarce for many micro systems. On my SWTPc 6800 system the only way I could get a memory dump was by doing a cassette dump (SWTBUG command "P"), and trying to separate the memory contents from the header and checksum. This is very tedious when you are faced with a continuous stream of letters and numbers. In addition to that inconvenience, no ASCII was printed to help interpret the numbers, and the output could not be printed on a line printer.

This program is virtually monitor independent (except for the input routines). All the output routines are contained in the program so a line printer, or any other device, may be used. The only modification required to run on another 6800 system is to adapt the printer initialization and driver routines for your printer. If you won't be using a printer, the init and driver can be replaced by NOP's. DUMP occupies the high end of memory, and uses no "page 0" storage so the program should not interfere with anything else. It can be relocated by changing all the

\$6XXX references to 1,2,3,4,5, or 7 to locate it in high memory.

Using The Program

When run, DUMP will identify itself, and proceed to ask for a line interval. This is actually the line length of the output. This would normally be \$10, by convention, but any value will work. This is very useful if you want to examine a fixed format table in memory, or use the whole width of a wide sheet of computer paper. In any event, the input routine requires a 2 hexadecimal value to be entered. Then the starting address is requested, followed by the ending address. These must be 4 digit hexadecimal values. Then DUMP asks for the output device. The response should be either a "C" for the console, or a (CR) (carriage return) for the printer. The printer is effectively the "default". This can be changed if desired. DUMP will then output the contents of the specified memory block.

This is the most useful memory dump I have seen for the 6800. Having a variable line length has been a valuable feature for me - I hope that you will find it as useful.

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NAM HEX.MEMORY.DUMP

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THIS PROGRAM OUTPUTS A DUMP OF SPECIFIED MEMORY TO EITHER THE CONSOLE OR THE PRINTER. THE USER MAY SPECIFY THE LINE LENGTH (INTERVAL). THIS IS VERY HANDY FOR DUMPING FIXED LENGTH TABLES, OR USING THE WHOLE WIDTH OF WIDE PAPER.

NON LINKS
 (E047) BADDR EQU \$E047 INPUT 4 HEX DIGITS
 (E055) BYTE EQU \$E055 INPUT 2 HEX DIGITS
 (E1AC) INCEE EQU \$E1AC
 (E0E3) MON EQU \$E0E3

ASCII SYMBOLS
 (000D) CR EQU \$0D
 (000A) LF EQU \$0A
 (0020) SPC EQU \$20
 (6500) ORG \$6500

PRINT INITIALIZATION FOR DATAPRODUCTS M-200.

THIS WILL NOT WORK FOR ANY OTHER PRINTER.

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6500 B6 20 LDA A #020 INIT PRINTER
6502 B7 001F STA A #01F
6505 B6 FF LDA A #FFF
6507 B7 801E STA A #801E
650A B6 2C LDA A #2C
650C B7 001F STA A #1F

650F 7F 6682 CLR OUTDEV OUTPUT TO CONSOLE
6512 BD 660D JSR PCRLF
6515 CE 6637 LOX @INIRO PRINT HEADER
6518 BD 6601 JSR PSTR
651B BD 660D JSR PCRLF
651E CE 6647 LDX @INTV ASK INTERVAL
6521 BD 6601 JSR PSTR
6524 BD E055 JSR BYTE
6527 B7 6681 STA A INTVAL
652A BD 660D JSR PCRLF
652D CE 6657 LDX @SEOMSG ASK BEGINNING ADDR
6530 BD 6601 JSR PSTR
6533 BD E047 JSR BADDR
6536 FF 667D STX CURPTR
6539 CE 66A6 LDX @ENHMSG ASK ENDING ADDR
653C BD 6601 JSR PSTR
653F BD E047 JSR BADDR
6542 FF 667F STX ENDADDR
6545 BD 660D JSR PCRLF
6548 CE 6615 LDX @O00MSG GET OUTPUT DEVICE
654B BD 6601 JSR PSTR
654E BD E1AC JSR INCEE
6551 B7 6682 STA A OUTDEV A WILL BE 0

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6584 01 43      BSR  A 0'C
6585 26 03      BSR  00
6586 7F 6482     CLR  OUTDEV
6587 89 6483     JBR  PCRLF
6588 7F 6483     CLR  BTOFF
6589 7F 6483     CLR  BTOFF

6541 CE 6479     BLNE  LBR  PCURPTR
6542 00 65E6     JBR  OUTMB
6543 3D 65C3     JBR  SPACE
6544 FE 647     LBR  CURPTR
6545 F6 6481     LDA  B INTVAL

6570 8B 65E9     JBR  OUTMB
6571 8D 30      BSR  SPACE
6572 0C 647F     CPX  ENDADD
6573 27 2F      BEQ  ENDPAD
6574 08         INX  B
6575 34         DEC  B
6576 26 F2      JNE  DOVAL

657E 0B 45      ASCII  BSR  SPACE
6580 0D 43      BSR  SPACE
6582 FE 6479     LBR  CURPTR
6583 F6 6481     LDA  B INTVAL
6584 A6 00      OUT  LDA  A 0,X
6585 81 1F      CMP  A 001F
6586 23 33      BSR  NOPRINT
6587 01 7E      CMP  A 007E
6588 22 2F      BHI  NOPRINT
6589 0D 33      OUT1 BSR  OUTEE
6590 00         INX  B
6591 5A         DEC  B
6592 26 F0      JNE  OUT
6593 FF 647D     BSR  CURPTR
6594 0D 6480     JBR  PCRLF
6595 7D 6483     TST  STOPF
6596 27 3E      BEQ  OLNE
6597 8D 6480     JBR  PCRLF
6598 7E 64E3     JMP  MON

* END OF BYTE PRINTING - MON TAB OVER TO FINISH
* THE ASCII FOR THE LAST LINE,
ENPAD INC STOPF (NO TAB)

65A9 7C 6483     ENPAD INC STOPF
65AB 3A         DEC  B
65AC 27 CF      MEO  AS II
65AD 04 6481     LDA  A INTVAL
65AE 10         SBA  B
65AF 07 6481     STA  A INTVAL
65B0 0D 0D      DUSPC BSR  SPACE
65B1 0D 0D      BSR  SPACE
65B2 0D 0D      BSR  SPACE
65B3 0D 0D      DEC  B
65B4 26 F7      BNE  DUSPC
65B5 20 0D      BRA  AS II
65C1 84 2E      NOPRINT LDA  A 0'

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65C3 20 0D      BRA  OUT1

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* SUBROUTINES *
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65C5 06 20      SPACE LDA  A 0SPC
65C6 37         OUTEE PSH B
65C7 7D 6482     BSR  OUTDEV
65C8 27 0D      BEQ  OUTEE2

* TO PRINT
* THIS PRINTER DRIVER IS FOR A DATAPRODUCTS M-200.
* THIS WILL NOT WORK FOR ANY OTHER PRINTER.
65C9 FA 001F     OUTEE1 LDA  A 001F
65CA 2A F9      BPL  OUTEE1
65CB FA 001E     LDA  A 001E
65CC B7 001E     STA  A 001E
65CD 20 0A      BRA  OUTEE3

* TO COMPILE
65CE FA 0004     OUTEE2 LDA  A 0004
65CF 37         ASH  B
65D0 37         ASH  B
65D1 24 F9      BEQ  OUTEE2
65D2 B7 0003     STA  A 0003
65D3 33         PUL  B
65D4 39         RTS

65E6 0D 01      OUT4MB BSR  OUT2MB
65E7 0D 01      INX  B
65E8 0D 00      OUT2MB LDA  A 0,X
65E9 0D 04      BSR  OUT4L
65EA 0D 00      LDA  A 0,X
65EB 20 04      BRA  OUT4M

65F1 44         OUT4L LSR  A
65F2 44         LSR  A
65F3 44         LSR  A
65F4 44         LSR  A
65F5 04 0F      OUT4M AND  A 00F
65F6 0B 30      ADD  A 0030
65F7 01 39      CMP  A 0039
65F8 23 1A      BLS  OUT4LE
65F9 0D 07      ADD  A 007
65FA 20 1A      BRA  OUT4LE

6601 A6 00      PSTR  LDA  A 0,X
6602 01 04      CMP  A 004
6603 27 0E      MEO  PSIRI
6604 00         INX  B
6605 0D 06      BSR  OUTEE
6606 20 F5      BRA  PSTR
6607 39         PSTRI RTS

6608 06 0D      PCRLF LDA  A 000D
6609 0D 04      BSR  OUTEE
6610 0D 0A      LDA  A 000A
6611 20 32      BRA  OUTEE

6615 6F         GOIMSG FCC  /Output Device (C on (CR) for P) /
6616 75 74
6617 70 75
6618 74 20
6619 46 65
661E 76 69

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6620 63 65
6622 20 28
6624 43 20
6626 6F 72
6628 20 3C
662A 43 52
662C 3E 20
662E 66 6F
6630 72 20
6632 50 29
6634 3A 20
6636 04
6637 48      INTRO FCC 04 /HEX MEMORY DUMP/
6638 45 78
663A 20 4D
663C 45 6D
663E 6F 72
6640 79 20
6642 44 75
6644 6D 70
6646 04
6647 4C      INT  FCC 04 /Line Interval /
6648 69 6E
664A 65 20
664C 49 6E
664E 74 65
6650 72 76
6652 41 6C
6654 3A 20
6656 04
6657 53      BEGINSG FCC 04 /STARTING ADDRESS /
6658 74 61
665A 72 74
665C 69 6E
665E 67 20
6660 61 64
6662 44 72
6664 65 73
6666 73 3A
6668 20
6669 04
666A 20      ENDMSG FCC 04 / Ending Address /
666B 20 45
666C 6E 64
666D 69 6E
666E 67 20
666F 61 64
6670 64 70

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6677 45 73
6679 73 3A
667B 20
667C 04      FCC 04

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* TEMPORARY STORAGE

667B	CURPTR RND	2	CURRENT LINE TO BE WORKED ON
667F	ENDADD RMB	2	ENDING ADDRESS
6681	INTVAL RMB	1	LINE LENGTH
6682	OUTDEV AND	1	OUTPUT DEVICE
6683	STOPF RND	1	STOP FLAG

END
00 (non-0) DELETED

LINKING LOADER /09

A Linking Loader For
TSC's Absolute 6809 Assembler
by H.L. Harkness

One of major drawbacks of the FLEX 9 operating system is the lack of a relocating linking loader/assembler, at least up until recently. At this writing, TSC is working on one, and there are a few from other vendors, but there is another drawback: The price of such a package is about \$200. Actually, for a good one, this is not a bad price. I personally came very close to buying one, but it was a little difficult at the time to scrape up the money. Therefore, I worked out a method that would give me at least the absolute minimum features of a relocating loader -- at the price of writing only position-independent code, and using some extra macros.

Why a linking loader?

If you have never attempted to write a major assembly language project, you might not understand the reason for all the fuss and bother. However, I think anyone who has tried to write a 300 line absolute assembly program will appreciate RLOAD.

The thing you get from a linking loader is the ability to write modular code in an easy-to-use format. Modularity can be

achieved by use of the LIB feature of TSC's assembler, but in order to use that, you must re-assemble all of the code in the entire program to change any part of it. Also, if your collection of general-purpose subroutines begins to grow large, you begin having problems with keeping symbols unique.

A linking loader, on the other hand, allows you to make a change in a program by assembling a single subroutine, and having the loader install it into the program. It is similar to appending several subroutines together, except that you don't need to worry about where each routine is going to be loaded, and you can 'append' several routines at once. The loader takes care of all the bookkeeping, and even furnishes a map of where all the routines are.

With a linking loader, it becomes easier to build a library of tools such as the ones described in *Software Tools*, by Kernighan and Plauger, which can be linked together in order to form large, powerful programs very quickly. You can also more easily write test routines which can exercise a single subroutine before linking it into a larger program.

I didn't really start off to write a linking loader. What I really wanted was a really good interactive editor. After several careful readings of *Software Tools*, I decided that I could write the editor that they described entirely in 6809 assembly without a great deal of trouble.

Things got off to a good start, in spite of the fact that all I had to work with was an absolute assembler. However, it soon became clear that some sort of segmentation of subroutines would be absolutely necessary. I worked out a scheme whereby I could more or less relocate a module using a 'counter' scheme, but I still had to re-assemble all of the subroutines in a program to run it. I worked out another scheme with which I got a little farther, but it was obvious something entirely different was required when I ran out of symbol table space...

Then I had a disk failure, which wiped out nearly all of the work I had done on the editor. (I am currently in the habit of keeping no fewer than two backups...)

As I was sinking slowly into the deep gloom of hopeless depression, inspiration struck. It appeared possible to fool the assembler into generating records which could be used to relocate and link subroutines. By using ORG statements addressing memory that doesn't exist on my system, I could generate different types of records which could be used by a special loader.

I quickly composed the macros for ENT and EXT, at which time I saw that the design could be simplified by the macro MODULE. My friend, Paul Schumann, agreed to 'walk through' the code with me. He suggested that I include some other features in the MODULE macro. He also suggested that RLOAD should build a core-image file, instead of using a load-and-go arrangement. This would allow the linking of programs larger than the memory capacity required to run RLOAD.

Although Paul is an accomplished software guru, he was not familiar with the 6809. Then, when he found out the beast has TWO stack pointers, he rushed out and got his own manuals on it. I think he is now 'hooked'.

I had originally hoped that I could use the loader to bootstrap itself directly, but

as the design evolved, I found that I would have to go back and modify the source for each module instead of just changing the macros and re-assembling. Fortunately, the required changes were minor.

I never did completely finish this program, at least at the time I sent this article in. Once I got the bare essentials running (I got the loader to load itself), I immediately set off using it to write other utility programs. The planned additions of a sorted symbol table, counters, and user directed mapping, although simple enough to do, just didn't seem as important once I overcame the single worst aspect of the TSC assembler.

The following is an overview of the project:

Inputs:

- 1) File containing all filenames to be linked.
- 2) One or more binary files containing link information.

Outputs:

- 1) Load map
- 2) Symbol table
- 3) Core image file

RLOAD uses a two-pass algorithm. Pass one builds the symbol table in core and writes the load map to the printer. It spots multiple definitions of entry points.

Interpass outputs the symbol table to the printer. Someday, I intend to install a sort routine, (which may happen before this version is published) as well as some other features designed to make the program easy to use. (I am open to suggestions) Undefined externals are assigned a value of \$FFFF, but the current version of the loader does not give you any other warning.

Pass two builds and writes the core image file to the disk.

Hierarchy:

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RLOAD  Relocating linking loader
OSLINK FLEX entry points
  PASS1 Build symbol table and load map
    GETNAM Get next binary file
    RDBNRC Read a binary record
    EXTPRO Process external record
      ZCOPY Copy string
      SEARCH Search symbol table for entry
      SCOMPR Compare strings
      ENTER Make symbol table entry
    ENTPRO Process entry point record
      ZCOPY
      SEARCH
      SCOMPR
      ENTER
    ABSPRO Process absolute entry point record
      ZCOPY
      SEARCH
      SCOMPR
      ENTER

  NTERPS Interpass process
    SORT (dummy)

  PASS2 Build core image file
    GETNAM
    RDBNRC
    EXT2 Link to external
      SEARCH
  
```


SCOMPR
WRBNRC Write binary record

To use RLOAD:

Use insert file (using LIB feature of the assembler) MODULE.MAC at the beginning of each source module. Use macro MODULE before any code. EXT and ENT macros may be used anywhere in the module between MODULE and END, subject to limitations imposed by the fact that the EXT macros generates a 16-bit data word which must be branched around. I recommend that ENT and EXT be at the beginning of the module. ENT and EXT must have one parameter per invocation.

The EXT macro generates an indirect address link for the external. To call an external subroutine, you must jump indirect through that link address, i.e.:

```
***
EXT <external>
***
JSR [<external>,<PCR>]
```

I use the angle brackets to indicate that the enclosed word must be replaced with an actual name.

The module will not actually be relocated in the usual sense of the word, but simply moved to another spot in core. Therefore, you must use position-independent code throughout. (Exception: Be sure that calls to fixed routines such as FLEX calls are NOT position-independent, since FLEX will stay put) I chose to use ABS entry points in a module named OSLINK for linkage to FLEX. That way, if I decide to write a different version of a FLEX routine, I can change only OSLINK and re-load the program to install the new subroutine, instead of changing the insert file and re-assembling all of the many subroutines in my system. A close examination of the loader itself will show some of the techniques involved.

To invoke RLOAD, enter

```
+++RLOAD,<linkfilename>
```

where <linkfilename> is the file containing the names of modules to be linked. The default extension for <linkfilename> is .TXT, and the defaults for the files to be linked is .BIN. The plus signs are the FLEX prompt.

Theory of operation:

TSC's manual on FLEX includes an advanced programmer's guide which has all the necessary information on the file structures and the use of the file manager system (in short, all of the information needed to write a program like RLOAD).

Basically, a logical (not actual) binary record looks like this:

Byte	Contents
0	Start of record indicator (\$02)
1-2	Load address
3	Byte count (of data)
4-n	Data

The transfer address record is a three-byte record beginning with \$16, and containing the entry point address.

The physical record may have more than one logical record, and a logical record may span physical records.

For more detailed information, you should consult the section on the file management system (FMS).

RLOAD reads the logical binary records, and identifies the records with addresses \$FFFO-\$FFF3 as special. The listing of the main routine includes the expansion of the insert files (using the LIB feature). These special markers are generated by the macros ABS, ENT, EXT, and MODULE. ABS is used to indicate an absolute entry point, i.e. a pointer to an operating system routine. ENT is used to indicate a relocatable entry point. EXT is used to allocate a link word for the module to used for access to the ABS and ENT entry points in other modules. The MODULE macro is for the purpose of measuring the length of the module (along with ENDMOD), and for inserting an arbitrary string into the load map. I realize that there are other ways of accomplishing the length measurement, but I chose the easy way.

A word of caution: If you make a mistake and write any code which is not position-independent, the resulting problem can be very difficult to find. Generally, the symptoms are: You have just assembled a subroutine, and load it into memory by itself to test it using a debugger. It works just fine, so you link it into a program which will use it, and the program immediately wanders off into the weeds. Explanation? The first position-dependent instruction encountered just sent the processor somewhere into low core.

There are many things which could be added to RLOAD. In addition to adding the SORT routine, and implementing counters, as I had originally planned, it would be almost trivial to add a COMMON feature. One thing I did add just before this release was the ABS statement, which works like an ENT statement, but does not cause the entry to be relocated. In the module OSLINK, I used this feature to load the symbol table with the FLEX addresses used in the loader.

You may have noticed that there is a small problem in just assembling the source as presented in the listings. You will end up with all of the linkable binaries, and no way to link them. The way I got around this bootstrap problem was to prepare a special set of macros for the EXT links, and set the origin of each module, and inserted these values in the EXT statements of each module.

Example: In the insert file MODULE.MAC, use

```
EXT    MACRO
      ORG      EXTORG
      FCC      '&1',EOS
      CTR 0
&1    FDB      &2 Compare to listing
      ENDCTR 0
      ENDM
```

And in a program which uses (arbitrary example) WRBNRC:

```
EXT WRBNRC,$0E50 (From load map)
```

In WRBNRC, you will need to add:

```
CTRO SET $0E4C
```

To be continued...

ET/ETA-3400 TO SS50

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This article describes how to interface a Heathkit Microprocessor Trainer ET-3400 and a Heathkit Memory and Input/Output Accessory ETA-3400 (TM Heath Co.) to a SS-50 buss. It provides the ET/ETA-3400 owner with suggestions on hardware and software requirements necessary to expand the units into a more useful and flexible system.

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Almost everyone who has the ET/ETA-3400 MUST have, at one time or another thought about expanding it into a bigger more useful system. The following article will describe how I interfaced my units to a SS-50 Buss.

The entire project, because of the money and time that's involved, took over a year, and consisted of the following parts:

1. Readdressing the Trainer's RAM ICs 14-17
2. Modifications to the ET/ETA-3400
3. Construction of a wirewrap interface card
4. Software rewriting

The below items are needed to complete the project:

1. Heathkit ET-3400 Microprocessor Trainer
2. Heathkit ETA-3400 Memory I/O add-on
3. SS-50 Motherboard and Power Supply
4. Memory card(s), etc.
5. Lots of time, patience and some money!

READDRESSING THE TRAINER RAM ICs 14-17

This part of the mod is not really required, but it's an easy way to start, and you gain 5K of RAM to be used for scratchpad and stack. My thanks to James Greder for his help with this and the RE line modification.

Those of you who have both the trainer and the add-on know that when you purchase the add-on, Heath tells you to pull ICs 14-17, and not to reinsert them when you are using the ETA-3400 as this would mean that the trainer is addressing two RAMs in the 0000-01FF(HEX) area. To change the RAM addressing, cut the trace that connects IC3 pin 13 and IC2 pin 1, then run a jumper from IC3 pin 13 to one of the IC2 pins as shown in Fig. 1. I used A000-A1FF(HEX) as this is the address that Southwest uses. You should note that if you ever would like to run the trainer by itself, you'll have to remove this mod or install a SPDT switch so you can readdress these RAMs back to 0000-01FF(HEX).

BY THE WAY, if you don't know how to tell pin 1 of an IC from a capacitor, you SHOULD NOT TRY THESE MODIFICATIONS or at least, have assistance from someone who does!

THE ET-3400 RE LINE

There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding about use of the RE Line. This line controls a set of two-directional buffers which allow the CPU to either read from RAM or another address or, by changing the direction of the buffer to write to RAM or another address. When the RE line is low, the buffers are in the read direction, and when the RE line is high, the buffers are in the write direction.

The RE line is required by the ETA-3400 add-on, and the line is brought out so the ETA-3400 can control the line and turn the buffers in the direction the ETA-3400 needs

for proper operation. The problem here is if you try to add additional memory cards and you tie into the RE line at the Trainer's 40 pin connector, you have two or more RAM's all trying to fight for control of the RE line. If however, we move the diode to each memory card, then each card will be able to use the RE line correctly.

This is also easy to modify. Remove the Diode and the wire that Heathkit has you install in the trainer, and replace it with a wire between the same pins. This is from the RE connector to pins 6 & 35 on the 40 pin connector. Second, open up the ETA-3400 and cut the trace running from the IC 107 pin 1 to pins 6 & 35 on the 40 pin connector. Then install the diode you removed from the trainer over the cut on the trace. It should be installed with the banded end toward IC 107. While you have the ETA-3400 open, cut the trace between pins 15 & 26 of the 40 pin connector. This last cut will free pin 26 for the next step.

VMA LINE REROUTING

In the ET/ETA-3400 system, the VMA line is AND'ed with the 02 line by IC 5 and run to the ETA-3400 as the VMA.02. The SS-50 buss requires a separate VMA Line. To do this, cut the trace in the trainer between pins 15 & 26 on the 40 pin connector. This leaves the 02 line on pin 15. Last, run a wire from pin 26 on the 40 pin connector to the VMA output connector on the underside of the trainer.

That completes the mods to the trainer and add-on. Now our 40 pin connectors have pinouts as shown in Fig. 3. The original pinouts are shown in Fig. 2.

SYSTEM CHECKOUT

Well, if you've stuck with it this far, you'll want to be sure that you didn't harm anything in any of the steps so far. Locate those 2112's that were supplied with the ET-3400 and the course, and insert them in the IC sockets on the face of the trainer. Next, reconnect the 40 pin ribbon cable between the ET-3400 and the ETA-3400, then close everything up after a final inspection for loose wires, or any other problems. Power-up the system, and use your ET-3400 memory exam/change keys or the terminal and look at addresses A000-A1FF(HEX). If you've done everything OK, you should see good memory at these locations.

If you have a set of memory tests, run the tests on the addresses A000-A1FF(HEX). If you have not yet purchased a set of memory tests, use your SLIDE control and SLIDE out of ROM the memory test at 1A34-1ABE(HEX) in the ETA-3400. I'd suggest you relocate it starting at 0134, by punching in SLIDF 1A34,0134,PP (CR). Next, use your memory exam and change the following:

New Address	From	To
C181	CE 1000	CE 0100
0168	CE 00DF	CE A1FF
016B	8C FFFF	8C A0A0

Before starting the memory tests, use your memory exam/change and set all of the A000-A1FF(HEX) addresses to 00. Lastly, jump to the memory test which now starts at 0134(HEX) by typing in G 0134 (CR). The altered memory test program will now check your new memory.

WIREWRAPP CARD CONSTRUCTION

Cut a piece of perf-board to 5" X 9" (BWTFPCO standard for SS-50 buss cards) and use 5 minute Epoxy to mount 5 each of the 10 pin Molex female connectors on one side (the 9 inch side) of the card. Purchase or fabricate two 40 pin connectors with the same pin spacings as the ones you see on the trainer/add-on. I used two 40 pin wirewrap IC sockets to make a connector by carefully cutting each of the sockets down the middle, and then gluing what was the outside of the sockets together. Mount the connectors on the top edge of the board with Epoxy, and finally, mount a 14 pin IC socket in the middle of the board.

Once the epoxy is hard, you should use a fine felt-tipped pen, and label one of the 40 pin connectors as "Trainer" and the other as "Add-on". Then transfer to the card all of the pin numbers and uses shown in Figure 4 and list 1.

Lastly, the big job, and that is to wirewrap up the board following the connections listed in Figure 4. I'd suggest you use one color of wire for data lines, another for the address lines, and so on. This makes it much easier later if you have to correct any mistakes.

CHECKOUT (AGAIN!)

Once you are sure you have the wirewrap board wired up correctly, insert a 7404 in the IC socket on the board. Now disconnect the 40 pin cable connecting the trainer to the add-on. Connect one end of the 40 pin cable to the connector on the board marked "Trainer", and the other to the trainer itself. Connect a second 40 pin cable to the connector on the board marked "Add-on" and the free end of this cable to the add-on itself. Then TRIPPLE CHECK that you have the cable plugs correct, that is pin 1 on the trainer should connect to VMA,02 on the card, etc. It's easy to get these cables 180 out as there isn't any index pin to prevent you from plugging it either way!!

Finally, power up the system WITHOUT THE CARD CONNECTED TO THE SS-50 BUSS. You should find that the trainer and the add-on will operate as before you started with the exception of the fact that you will now have the addition of the Trainer RAMs at A000-A1FF(Hex). If the units don't operate, you have a wiring error on the wirewapp card. Do not go any further until you correct any problems!

GETTING THE SS-50 BUSS GOING

I used Thomas Instrumentation memory cards, which are the same pinouts as the Southwest System as shown on List 1, but before connecting the ET/ETA-3400 to your SS-50 buss, it'd be a good idea to go back and recheck your pinouts and signal requirements against those listed. My system only required the inverting of the VMA line and the 02, but yours may be different, and in that case, there are several unused inverters on the 7404 for your use.

SS-50 BUSS LINES

Listing 1 gives you a brief description of the pinouts, names and definitions of the SS-50 buss used by Southwest and most companies using the SS-50 buss. Once you have rechecked your memory card requirements against it, you can plug your wirewapp card into the SS-50 buss. Make sure to plug the INDEX pin to prevent insertion of the card into the buss incorrectly.

With your wirewapp card plugged into the SS-50 buss, but without any other cards plugged into the buss, power-up the ET/ETA-3400 and check to be sure it operates normally. IF NOT, check the SS-50 buss and correct the problem.

Once you pass this test, set your memory card addressing switches or jumpers to any address between 2400 and 8000 (Hex), and plug the memory card into the buss. Before you do so, check to make sure there is a plug in the correct hole of the card marked INDEX. Power-up the SS-50 buss, but not the ET/ETA-3400 and check the voltage across the +12V, -12V, and +8V lines to GND. These voltages can vary by +-20% and still be acceptable. Next, check the voltages on your memory cards. These should be +-5% for the card to work correctly. If you find any high or low voltages, be sure to correct them before going to the next step. If you have a friend who has a SS-50 buss computer, the ideal set up would be for you to ask his help, and if possible have him test your memory board in his computer.

THE RE LINE (AGAIN)

Almost done! Consult the data that came with your memory card, and locate the data buffers on the schematic. On most cards there will be two buffers, one for D0-D3, and one for D4-D7 just like the ET-3400. If your buffers have two enable lines, one low to read and another to write, you're in luck. Simply connect a diode similar to the one now relocated in the ETA-3400 (a GD510) to the pin that goes low for a READ. The banded end should be nearest the IC. Connect the other end of the diode to U02 pin which connects to the RE Line. If your memory cards use one line like the ET-3400, that is high to write and low to read, you may have to invert the signal using one of the spare 7404s on the wirewapp card.

If all else fails, do as I did, and connect the diode to first one pin and then the other on the memory card buffer until you find the one that works! On the Thomas 24K RAM card, the correct pin is IC 105 pin 8.

IT'S UP!!

Once you have the card operating, run memory tests, and/or use the program in the first of this article. You'll have to change the address to match those on your card.

SOFTWARE

As it comes from Heathkit, the ETA-3400 is set to use 0000-23FF(Hex). Any memory you add will have to be higher than this. This is not too limiting until you start getting more than 4-8K of memory. Most of the good programs written for this much memory assume you have free and usable memory from 0000 and up.

If you would like to free the memory from 0000-0800(Hex), you will have to seriously consider rewriting the ETA-3400 monitor ROM, and then burn it into EPROM which can be set to E000(Hex) and up. To work on the program use the SLIDE and move the Monitor program to RAM. It will be then up to you to change all of the 3 BYTE instructions to the new address of your EPROM. Most of the data that needs to be changed is easy to spot, just use your "I" command, and go thru the program. One "hidden" piece of data that is not a 3 BYTE instruction is at 1482(Hex) C6 14. This is the MSB of the return address, and should be changed to the MSB of your EPROM's address. The address table must also be rewritten to the new address. Lastly, you'll have to work to readdress the PIA, which is now at 1000(Hex).

One word of caution, even after you reburn your monitor to EPROM, and locate it above the free memory, the ETA-3400s monitor makes heavy use of the 00 page, 0000-00FF(Hex) and this will require rewriting some of the commercially available programs because of addressing conflicts.

THE END

In conclusion, I should say thanks again to James Greger for all of his assistance. It's been fun and educational, and kept me out of the bare on the weekends! If you like to work with hardware, I hope you'll try these ideas. You can write me for assistance, but please enclose an 18 cent SASE with your letter. Good luck!

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Interface your Heathkit ET/ETA-3400 to a SS-50 buss.

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READDRESSING THE TRAINER RAM's IC 14-17

FIGURE ONE

IC 2		IC 3	
ADDRESS	PIN NOS.		
I	I	I	I
I	0000 I 6 <--	I	I
I	8000 I 5 I	I	I
I	6000 I 4 I	I	I
I	4000 I 3 I	I	I
I	I I	I	I
I	0000 I 1--X-----13	I	I
I	I	I	I

Cut the trace at X and jumper from IC 3 pin 13 to a pin on IC 2 which gives you the address you need for your system.

FIGURE TWO

PIN ASSIGNMENTS BEFORE MODIFICATIONS

40 PIN CONNECTORS ON

TRAINER		MEMORY ADD-ON	
40	1	40	1
+12 I*	*I VMA,02	NC I*	*I VMA,02
-12 I*	*I RESET	NC I*	*I RESET
D0 I*	*I TSC	D0 I*	*I NC
D1 I*	*I BA	D1 I*	*I NC
D2 I*	*I R/W	D2 I*	*I R/W
RE I*	*I RE	RE I*	*I RE
D3 I*	*I NMI	D3 I*	*I NC
D4 I*	*I IRQ	D4 I*	*I NC
D5 I*	*I HALT	D5 I*	*I NC
D6 I*	*I +5	D6 I*	*I NC
D7 I*	*I GND	D7 I*	*I GND
A0 I*	*I A15	A0 I*	*I A15
A1 I*	*I A14	A1 I*	*I A14
A2 I*	*I A13	A2 I*	*I A13
A3 I*	*I A12	A3 I*	*I A12
A4 I*	*I A11	A4 I*	*I A11
A5 I*	*I A10	A5 I*	*I A10
A6 I*	*I A9	A6 I*	*I A9
A7 I*	*I A8	A7 I*	*I A8

FIGURE THREE

PIN ASSIGNMENTS AFTER MODIFICATIONS

40 PIN CONNECTORS ON

TRAINER		MEMORY ADD-ON	
40	1	40	1
+12 I*	*I VMA,02	NC I*	*I VMA,02
-12 I*	*I RESET	NC I*	*I RESET
D0 I*	*I TSC	D0 I*	*I NC
D1 I*	*I BA	D1 I*	*I NC
D2 I*	*I R/W	D2 I*	*I R/W
RE I*	*I RE	RE I*	*I RE
D3 I*	*I NMI	D3 I*	*I NC
D4 I*	*I IRQ	D4 I*	*I NC
D5 I*	*I HALT	D5 I*	*I NC
D6 I*	*I +5	D6 I*	*I NC
D7 I*	*I GND	D7 I*	*I GND
A0 I*	*I A15	A0 I*	*I A15
A1 I*	*I A14	A1 I*	*I A14
A2 I*	*I A13	A2 I*	*I A13
VMA I*	*I 02	NC I*	*I 02
A3 I*	*I A12	A3 I*	*I A12
A4 I*	*I A11	A4 I*	*I A11
A5 I*	*I A10	A5 I*	*I A10
A6 I*	*I A9	A6 I*	*I A9
A7 I*	*I A8	A7 I*	*I A8

FIGURE FOUR WIREWRAPP CARD PINOUTS/CONNECTIONS

SS-50 BUSS PIN	LINE	TRAINFR LINE	ADD-ON LINE	7430 PIN
1	D0	D0	D0	
2	D1	D1	D1	
3	D2	D2	D2	
4	D3	D3	D3	
5	D4	D4	D4	
6	D5	D5	D5	
7	D6	D6	D6	
8	D7	D7	D7	
9	A15	A15	A15	
10	A14	A14	A14	
11	A13	A13	A13	
12	A12	A12	A12	
13	A11	A11	A11	
14	A10	A10	A10	
15	A9	A9	A9	
16	A8	A8	A8	
17	A7	A7	A7	
18	A6	A6	A6	
19	A5	A5	A5	
20	A4	A4	A4	
21	A3	A3	A3	
22	A2	A2	A2	
23	A1	A1	A1	
24	A0	A0	A0	
25	GND			
26	GND			
27	GND			
28	+8V	(X-----X = CONNECTION)		
29	+8V	1K		
30	+8V	(NC = NO CONNECTION)		
31	-12V	NC		
32	+12V	1K		
33	INDEX	(PLUGGED WITH A PIN)		
34	M RESET	NC		
35	NMI	-----NMI		
36	IRQ	-----IRQ		
37	UD2	-----RF		
38	UD1	NC		
39	O2	-----PIN 2		
40	VMA	-----PIN 4		
41	R/W	-----R/W		
42	RESET	-----RESET		
43	BA	NC		
44	O1	NC		
45	HALT	-----HALT		
46 TO 50	BAUD RATE LINES	NC		

VMA-----PIN 3
O2-----PIN 1
+5V-----PIN 14

LISTING ONE SS-50 PINOUT DESIGNATIONS

PIN NO.	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1 TO 8	D0 TO D7	Data Bus Lines. Complement of the 6800 data lines (inverted).
9 TO 24	A0 TO A15	Address Lines. Same as ET-3400.
25 TO 27	GND	Ground return line for power.
28 TO 30	+8V	+8 VDC supply line.
31	-12V	-12 VDC supply line.
32	+12V	+12 VDC supply line.
33	INDEX	A plugged pin hole to prevent incorrect insertion of boards.
34	M RESET	Manual Reset. Active low. Input to a oneshot which inturn outputs pulse to reset CPU.
35	NMI	Nonmaskable Interrupt. Active low. Same as ET-3400.
36	IRQ	Interrupt Request. Active low. Same as ET-3400.
37 TO 38	UD1 & 2	User Defined lines. UD2 is used here for the RF line.
39	O2	Clock 2 line. Inverted.
40	VMA	Valid Memory Address. Inverted. Same as ET-3400.
41	R/W	Read/Write line. High for a read, low for a write.
42	RESET	Reset line. This is the output of the oneshot (M RESET).
43	BA	Bus Available. Same as ET-3400.
44	O1	Clock 1 line. Same as ET-3400.

45 HALT Halt line. Active low. Same as ET-3400.
46 TO 50 110 TO 1200 Baud lines. Used for ACIA timing in the SW System.

Mailing Package

This software enables the computer operator to send out business letters and envelopes such as would accompany a resume for a job search in a more personal manner. There are seven programs which include COVLET, ENVELOPE, SEARCVLT, SEARENVL, SREXAMZP, SRCVLTZP, and SRENVLTZP. These programs operate on a file called DATCOMP which contains the pertinent information:

- 1) the name of the company
- 2) the name of the individual to be contacted
- 3) the above person's title
- 4) the department
- 5) the street address
- 6) the city, state and zip code.

The computer operator is assumed to have prepared the master copy of the letter he/she intends to mail out and to have made photolithographed copies which only require the addition of the date, heading, and greeting. Size 10 envelopes are to be used and may or may not have the computer operator's name and address in the upper left hand corner.

COVLET prints to the companies contained in DATCOMP a letter for all companies one company after another. ENVELOPE prints to the companies contained in DATCOMP an envelope for all companies one company after another. SEARCVLT permits a search for a particular company and then it is possible to print the date, heading, and greeting to that company and to the companies which follow the sought for company. This is useful if the entire contents of DATCOMP were not printed at one sitting and one wishes to print the remainder of the letters to the companies. SEARENVL permits a search for a particular company and then it is possible to print the name and address to that company and to the companies that follow the sought for company. This is useful if the entire contents of DATCOMP were not printed at one sitting and one wishes to print the remainder of the envelopes to the companies. SEARCVLT and SEARENVL also permit one to locate the line numbers in the BASIC program DATCOMP where the particular company resides in order that the DATCOMP file may be changed and updated.

SREXAMZP allows the computer operator to examine DATCOMP by zip code in as general a manner as the first leading digit or as specific a manner as a full five digits. Hardcopy of the sought for companies may be produced. SRCVLTZP allows one to print letters to companies by means of a search similar to that conducted for SREXAMZP. SRENVLTZP allows one to print envelopes to companies by means of a search similar to that conducted for SREXAMZP.

To use the mailing package, one loads the master program and then appends the DATCOMP file to it. DATCOMP files start at line 1100 and follow the format shown in the example.

It is estimated that letters and envelopes can be produced at a rate of 500 per twelve hour period.

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0010 REM ***** COPYRIGHT 1980 JEFFREY M. CRAIG *****
0020 REM ***** MAILING PACKAGE *****
0030 REM ***** COVLET *****
0040 LINE= 0
0050 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM TYPES THE DATE, COMPANY AND ADDRESS,"
0060 PRINT "AND GREETING TO SUCCESSIVE ADDRESSES"
0070 PRINT "LISTED IN DATA STATEMENTS."
0080 PRINT
0090 PRINT "INPUT TAB SPACING OF DATE"
0100 INPUT D1
0110 PRINT "INPUT TAB SPACING OF ADDRESSEE AND GREETING"
0120 INPUT Z
0130 PRINT "ENTER THE DATE"
0140 PRINT "ENTER DAY, THEN MONTH, THEN YEAR IN THAT ORDER"
0150 INPUT D,M,Y
0160 PRINT "ENTER THE VERTICAL SPACING BETWEEN"
0170 PRINT "THE DATE AND THE LETTER'S ADDRESSEE"
0180 INPUT A1
0190 PRINT "ENTER THE VERTICAL SPACING BETWEEN"
0200 PRINT "ADDRESSEE AND GREETING"
0210 INPUT B1
0220 PRINT "ENTER 'P' IF YOU WANT OUTPUT TO A PRINTER"
0230 PRINT "ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER IF YOU WANT CRT"
0240 INPUT P1
0250 IF P1<>"P" THEN GOTO 270
0260 PORT= 7
0270 READ A1,B1,C1,D1,E1,F1,G1,H1
0280 IF A1="SEARCH WILL CONTINUE" THEN GOTO 770
0290 PRINT TAB(D1);M1;" ";D1;" ";Y
0300 FOR X=1 TO A1
0310 PRINT
0320 NEXT X
0330 IF B1="sir" THEN GOTO 350
0340 PRINT TAB(Z);B1;" ";C1;" ";G1
0350 IF LEFT$(E1,3)="---" THEN GOTO 370
0360 PRINT TAB(Z);E1
0370 IF LEFT$(F1,3)="---" THEN GOTO 390
0380 PRINT TAB(Z);F1
0390 PRINT TAB(Z);H1
0400 IF LEFT$(G1,3)="---" THEN GOTO 420
0410 PRINT TAB(Z);G1
0420 PRINT TAB(Z);H1
0430 FOR X=1 TO B1
0440 PRINT
0450 NEXT X
0460 IF B1="sir" THEN GOTO 550
0470 Y1=RIGHT$(D1,3)
0480 Z1=LEFT$(D1,LEN(D1)-3)
0490 IF Y1="!!!" THEN D1=Z1
0500 IF X1="!!" THEN D1=Z1
0510 IF Y1="Jr." THEN D1=Z1
0520 IF Y1="Sr." THEN D1=Z1
0530 PRINT TAB(Z1);"Dear ";B1;" ";E1;" ";
0540 GOTO 560
0550 PRINT TAB(Z1);"Dear ";B1;" ";
0560 REM : THE BULK OF THE FORM LETTER FOLLOWS
0570 REM
0580 REM
0590 PORT= 1
0600 PRINT
0610 PRINT
0620 PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO REPEAT THE PREVIOUS COMPANY?"
0630 PRINT "ENTER 'Y' FOR YES OR ANY OTHER CHARACTER FOR NO."

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0640 PRINT "TO EXIT PROGRAM ENTER CONTROL C."
0650 INPUT V1
0660 IF V1<>"Y" THEN GOTO 250
0670 IF P1="P" THEN PORT= 7
0680 GOTO 290
0690 REM : A1=NAME OF THE COMPANY
0700 REM : B1=Mr.,Mrs.,Ms., or sir
0710 REM : C1=FIRST NAME AND MIDDLE INITIAL
0720 REM : D1=LAST NAME
0730 REM : E1=TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL
0740 REM : F1=NAME OF LAB OR R&D
0750 REM : G1=STREET ADDRESS
0760 REM : H1=CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE
0770 PORT= 1
0780 PRINT "ENTIRE CONTENTS OF FILE HAVE BEEN PRINTED"
0790 END

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0010 REM ***** COPYRIGHT 1980 JEFFREY M. CRAIG *****
0020 REM ***** MAILING PACKAGE *****
0030 REM ***** ENVELOPE *****
0040 LINE= 0
0050 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM PRINTS SIZE 10 ENVELOPES TO COMPANIES"
0060 PRINT "FROM DATA STATEMENTS."
0070 PRINT
0080 PRINT "DO YOU WANT ADDRESS IN UPPER LEFT"
0090 PRINT "CORNER OF ENVELOPE?"
0100 PRINT "ENTER 'Y' FOR YES"
0110 PRINT "ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER FOR NO"
0120 INPUT L1
0130 PRINT
0140 PRINT "DO YOU WANT OUTPUT TO THE PRINTER?"
0150 PRINT "ENTER 'P' IF YOU WANT PRINTER"
0160 PRINT "ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER IF YOU WANT CRT"
0170 INPUT P1
0180 IF L1<>"Y" THEN GOTO 310
0190 PRINT "ENTER NAME AND ADDRESS TO APPEAR IN"
0200 PRINT "UPPER LEFT CORNER OF ENVELOPE"
0210 PRINT "!!! MAKE SURE YOU ENTER NO COMMAS !!!"
0220 PRINT
0230 PRINT "ENTER THE NAME"
0240 INPUT N1
0250 PRINT
0260 PRINT "ENTER THE STREET ADDRESS"
0270 INPUT S1
0280 PRINT
0290 PRINT "ENTER THE CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE"
0300 INPUT Z1
0310 READ A1,B1,C1,D1,E1,F1,G1,H1
0320 IF A1="SEARCH WILL CONTINUE" THEN GOTO 620
0330 IF P1<>"P" THEN GOTO 350
0340 PORT= 7
0350 IF L1<>"Y" THEN GOTO 420
0360 PRINT N1
0370 PRINT S1
0380 PRINT Z1
0390 FOR X=1 TO 4
0400 PRINT
0410 NEXT X
0420 IF B1="sir" THEN GOTO 440
0430 PRINT TAB(30);B1;" ";C1;" ";G1
0440 IF LEFT$(E1,3)="---" THEN GOTO 460
0450 PRINT TAB(30);E1
0460 IF LEFT$(F1,3)="---" THEN GOTO 480

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0470 PRINT TAB(30);F$
0480 PRINT TAB(30);A$
0490 IF LEFT$(G$,3)="" THEN GOTO 510
0500 PRINT TAB(30);G$
0510 PRINT TAB(30);H$
0520 PORT= 1
0530 PRINT
0540 PRINT
0550 PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO REPEAT THE PREVIOUS COMPANY?"
0560 PRINT "IF YES THEN ENTER 'Y' IF NO ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER."
0570 PRINT "PROGRAM CAN BE EXITED BY ENTERING CONTROL C."
0580 INPUT M$
0590 IF M$<>"Y" THEN GOTO 310
0600 IF P$="P" THEN PORT= 7
0610 GOTO 350
0620 PORT= 1
0630 PRINT "THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF FILE HAVE BEEN PRINTED"
0640 END

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10 REM ***** COPYRIGHT 1980 JEFFREY M. CRAIG *****
20 REM ***** MAILING F A C I L I T Y *****
30 REM ***** SEARCH *****
40 LINE= 0
50 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM PRINTS THE DATE, ADDRESS, AND"
60 PRINT "GREETING ON A COVER LETTER BY SEARCHING"
70 PRINT "THROUGH DATA FILES FOR THE COMPANY THE"
80 PRINT "WRITER SELECTS"
90 PRINT
100 PRINT "ENTER TAB SPACING OF THE DATE"
110 INPUT D1
120 PRINT
130 PRINT "ENTER TAB SPACING OF ADDRESSEE AND GREETING"
140 INPUT I
150 PRINT
160 PRINT "### ENTER THE DATE ###"
170 PRINT "ENTER DAY, THEN MONTH, THEN YEAR IN THAT ORDER"
180 INPUT D,M,Y
190 PRINT
200 PRINT "ENTER THE VERTICAL SPACING BETWEEN"
210 PRINT "THE DATE AND ADDRESSEE"
220 INPUT A1
230 PRINT
240 PRINT "ENTER THE VERTICAL SPACING BETWEEN"
250 PRINT "ADDRESSEE AND GREETING"
260 INPUT B1
270 GOTO 300
280 RESTORE
290 LET Y$="NONE"
300 PRINT "ENTER THE COMPANY NAME YOU WANT SEARCHED"
310 PRINT "### OR ENTER 'DONE' TO END SEARCH ###"
320 INPUT X$
330 IF X$="DONE" THEN GOTO 1060
340 X$(1)=LEFT$(X$,1)
350 X$(2)=LEFT$(X$,2)
360 X$(3)=LEFT$(X$,3)
370 FOR I=1100 TO 9000 STEP 70
380 READ A$,B$,C$,D$,E$,F$,G$,H$
390 IF Y$="Y" THEN GOTO 430
400 A$(1)=LEFT$(A$,1)
410 A$(2)=LEFT$(A$,2)
420 A$(3)=LEFT$(A$,3)
430 IF A$="SEARCH WILL CONTINUE" THEN GOTO 1030
440 IF Y$="Y" THEN GOTO 480

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450 IF X$(1)<>A$(1) THEN GOTO 1020
460 IF X$(2)<>A$(2) THEN GOTO 1020
470 IF X$(3)<>A$(3) THEN GOTO 1020
480 PRINT "LINES ";X$; " THROUGH ";Y+60
490 PRINT :PRINT A$
500 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 520
510 PRINT B$:PRINT C$:PRINT D$
520 IF LEFT$(E$,3)="" THEN GOTO 540
530 PRINT E$
540 IF LEFT$(F$,3)="" THEN GOTO 560
550 PRINT F$
560 IF LEFT$(G$,3)="" THEN GOTO 580
570 PRINT G$
580 PRINT H$
590 PRINT
600 PRINT "DO YOU WANT OUTPUT TO THE PRINTER?"
610 PRINT "ENTER 'P' IF YOU WANT PRINTER"
620 PRINT "ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER IF YOU WANT CRT"
630 PRINT "ENTER CONTROL C TO EXIT PROGRAM AT ANY TIME."
640 INPUT P$
650 IF Y$="Y" THEN GOTO 720
660 PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE PRINTING"
670 PRINT "THE REST OF THE COMPANIES"
680 PRINT "FOLLOWING THE COMPANY YOU HAVE ENTERED?"
690 PRINT "IF YES ENTER 'Y'. IF NO ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER."
700 PRINT "ENTER CONTROL C TO EXIT PROGRAM AT ANY TIME."
710 INPUT Y$
720 IF P$<>"P" THEN GOTO 1020
730 PORT= 7
740 PRINT TAB(D1);M$; " ";D$; " ";Y
750 FOR V=1 TO A1
760 PRINT
770 NEXT V
780 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 800
790 PRINT TAB(I);B$; " ";C$; " ";D$
800 IF LEFT$(E$,3)="" THEN GOTO 820
810 PRINT TAB(I);E$
820 IF LEFT$(F$,3)="" THEN GOTO 840
830 PRINT TAB(I);F$
840 PRINT TAB(I);A$
850 IF LEFT$(G$,3)="" THEN GOTO 870
860 PRINT TAB(I);G$
870 PRINT TAB(I);H$
880 FOR W=1 TO B1
890 PRINT
900 NEXT W
910 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 1000
920 X$=RIGHT$(D$,3)
930 Z$=LEFT$(D$,LEN(D$)-3)
940 IF X$="III" THEN D$=Z$
950 IF X$=" I" THEN D$=Z$
960 IF X$=" Jr." THEN D$=Z$
970 IF X$=" Sr." THEN D$=Z$
980 PRINT TAB(I); "Dear ";B$; " ";D$; " ";
990 GOTO 1010
1000 PRINT TAB(I); "Dear ";B$; " ";
1010 PORT= 1
1020 NEXT X
1030 PORT= 1
1040 PRINT "THE FILE HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED"
1050 GOTO 280
1060 PORT= 1
1070 PRINT "YOU HAVE EXITED PROGRAM"

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1080 PRINT "TYPE 'RUN' TO CALL UP PROGRAM"
1090 END

0010 REM ##### COPYRIGHT 1980 JEFFREY M. CRAIG #####
0020 REM ##### M A I L I N G   P A C K A G E #####
0030 REM ##### S E A R E N V L #####
0040 LINE= 0
0050 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM PRINTS ENVELOPES (SIZE 10)"
0060 PRINT "TO COMPANIES BY SEARCHING THROUGH A DATA FILE"
0070 PRINT "FOR A COMPANY YOU WILL BE REQUESTED TO ENTER."
0080 PRINT
0090 PRINT "DO YOU WANT YOUR ADDRESS TO APPEAR IN UPPER LEFT?"
0100 PRINT "CORNER OF ENVELOPE?"
0110 PRINT "ENTER 'Y' FOR YES"
0120 PRINT "ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER FOR NO"
0130 INPUT L$
0140 PRINT
0150 IF L$(">Y") THEN GOTO 300
0160 PRINT "ENTER NAME AND ADDRESS TO APPEAR IN"
0170 PRINT "UPPER LEFT CORNER OF ENVELOPE"
0180 PRINT "### MAKE SURE YOU ENTER NO COMMAS ###"
0190 PRINT
0200 PRINT "ENTER THE NAME"
0210 INPUT M$
0220 PRINT
0230 PRINT "ENTER THE STREET ADDRESS"
0240 INPUT S$
0250 PRINT
0260 PRINT "ENTER THE CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE"
0270 INPUT Z$
0280 RESTORE
0290 LET Y$="NONE"
0300 PRINT "ENTER THE COMPANY NAME YOU WANT SEARCHED"
0310 PRINT "### OR ENTER 'DONE' TO END SEARCH ###"
0320 INPUT X$
0330 IF X$="DONE" THEN GOTO 990
0340 X$(1)=LEFT$(X$,1)
0350 X$(2)=LEFT$(X$,2)
0360 X$(3)=LEFT$(X$,3)
0370 FOR X=1:100 TO 9000 STEP 70
0380 READ A$,B$,C$,D$,E$,F$,G$,H$
0390 IF Y$="Y" THEN GOTO 430
0400 A$(1)=LEFT$(A$,1)
0410 A$(2)=LEFT$(A$,2)
0420 A$(3)=LEFT$(A$,3)
0430 IF A$="SEARCH WILL CONTINUE" THEN GOTO 960
0440 IF Y$="Y" THEN GOTO 480
0450 IF X$(1)<>A$(1) THEN GOTO 950
0460 IF X$(2)<>A$(2) THEN GOTO 950
0470 IF X$(3)<>A$(3) THEN GOTO 950
0480 PRINT "LINES ";X;" THROUGH ";X+60
0490 PRINT
0500 PRINT A$
0510 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 550
0520 PRINT B$
0530 PRINT C$
0540 PRINT D$
0550 IF LEFT$(E$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 570
0560 PRINT E$
0570 IF LEFT$(F$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 590
0580 PRINT F$
0590 IF LEFT$(G$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 610
0600 PRINT G$

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0610 PRINT H$
0620 PRINT
0630 PRINT "DO YOU WANT OUTPUT TO THE PRINTER?"
0640 PRINT "ENTER 'P' IF YOU WANT PRINTER"
0650 PRINT "ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER IF YOU WANT CRT"
0660 PRINT "ENTER CONTROL C TO EXIT PROGRAM AT ANY TIME."
0670 INPUT P$
0680 IF Y$="Y" THEN GOTO 750
0690 PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE PRINTING"
0700 PRINT "THE REST OF THE COMPANIES?"
0710 PRINT "FOLLOWING THE COMPANY YOU HAVE ENTERED?"
0720 PRINT "IF YES ENTER 'Y', IF NO ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER."
0730 PRINT "ENTER CONTROL C TO EXIT PROGRAM AT ANY TIME."
0740 INPUT Y$
0750 IF P$(">P") THEN GOTO 950
0760 PORT= 7
0770 IF L$(">Y") THEN GOTO 840
0780 PRINT M$
0790 PRINT S$
0800 PRINT Z$
0810 FOR V=1 TO 4
0820 PRINT
0830 NEXT V
0840 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 860
0850 PRINT TAB(30);B$;" ";C$;" ";D$
0860 IF LEFT$(E$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 880
0870 PRINT TAB(30);E$
0880 IF LEFT$(F$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 900
0890 PRINT TAB(30);F$
0900 PRINT TAB(30);A$
0910 IF LEFT$(G$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 930
0920 PRINT TAB(30);G$
0930 PRINT TAB(30);H$
0940 PORT= 1
0950 NEXT X
0960 PORT= 1
0970 PRINT "THE FILE HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED"
0980 GOTO 280
0990 PORT= 1
1000 PRINT "YOU HAVE EXITED PROGRAM"
1010 PRINT "TYPE 'RUN' TO CALL UP PROGRAM"
1020 END

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10 REM ##### JEFFREY M. CRAIG #####
20 REM ##### M A I L I N G   P A C K A G E #####
30 REM ##### S R E X A M Z P #####
40 LINE= 0
50 REM
60 PRINT "THE NAME OF THIS PROGRAM IS SREXAMZP"
70 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS ONE TO EXAM THE CONTENTS"
80 PRINT "OF DATA FILES BY SEARCH FOR A ZIP CODE"
90 PRINT "WHICH YOU WILL BE REQUESTED TO ENTER."
100 PRINT
110 PRINT "THE LINE NUMBERS WHERE THE DATA RESIDES WILL"
120 PRINT "ALSO BE REPORTED TO YOU."
130 PRINT
140 PRINT "YOU MAY THEN DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO"
150 PRINT "HAVE HARDCOPY OF THE COMPANY IN THE"
160 PRINT "REGION OF THE COUNTRY YOU HAVE SELECTED."
170 RESTORE
180 PRINT "ENTER FROM ONE TO FIVE LEADING DIGITS"
190 PRINT "OF THE ZIP CODE YOU WANT SEARCHED,"
200 PRINT "OR ENTER 'DONE' TO EXIT PROGRAM."

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210 INPUT X$
220 IF X$="DONE" THEN GOTO 690
230 LET N=LEN(X$)
240 LET X$(1)=LEFT$(X$,N)
250 FOR X=1100 TO 9000 STEP 70
260 READ A$,B$,C$,D$,E$,F$,G$,H$
270 H$(1)=RIGHT$(H$,5)
280 LET H$(2)=LEFT$(H$(1),N)
290 IF A$="SEARCH WILL CONTINUE" THEN GOTO 660
300 IF X$(1)<>H$(2) THEN GOTO 650
310 PRINT "LINES ";X;" THROUGH ";X+60
320 PRINT A$
330 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 370
340 PRINT B$
350 PRINT C$
360 PRINT D$
370 IF LEFT$(E$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 390
380 PRINT E$
390 IF LEFT$(F$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 410
400 PRINT F$
410 IF LEFT$(G$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 430
420 PRINT G$
430 PRINT H$
440 PRINT
450 PRINT "DO YOU WANT HARDCOPY OF THE ABOVE NAMED COMPANY?"
460 PRINT "ENTER 'P' IF YOU DO."
470 PRINT "ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER IF YOU WANT CRT."
480 INPUT P$
490 IF P$(">")="P" THEN GOTO 650
500 PORT= 7
510 PRINT A$
520 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 560
530 PRINT B$
540 PRINT C$
550 PRINT D$
560 IF LEFT$(E$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 580
570 PRINT E$
580 IF LEFT$(F$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 600
590 PRINT F$
600 IF LEFT$(G$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 620
610 PRINT G$
620 PRINT H$
630 PRINT
640 PORT= 1
650 NEXT X
660 PORT= 1
670 PRINT "THE FILE HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED."
680 GOTO 170
690 PRINT "YOU HAVE EXITED PROGRAM"
700 PRINT "TYPE 'RUN' TO RE-ENTER PROGRAM"
710 END

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10 REM ##### JEFFREY M. CRAIG #####
20 REM ##### MAILING PACKAGE #####
30 REM ##### SRC V L T Z P #####
40 LINE= 0
50 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM PRINTS THE DATE, ADDRESS, AND"
60 PRINT "GREETING ON A COVER LETTER BY SEARCHING"
70 PRINT "THROUGH DATA FILES FOR A ZIP CODE THE"
80 PRINT "WRITER SELECTS"
90 PRINT
100 PRINT "ENTER TAB SPACING OF THE DATE"
110 INPUT D1

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120 PRINT
130 PRINT "ENTER TAB SPACING OF ADDRESSEE AND GREETING"
140 INPUT Z
150 PRINT
160 PRINT "### ENTER THE DATE ###"
170 PRINT "ENTER DAY, THEN MONTH, THEN YEAR IN THAT ORDER"
180 INPUT D,M$,Y
190 PRINT
200 PRINT "ENTER THE VERTICAL SPACING BETWEEN"
210 PRINT "THE DATE AND ADDRESSEE"
220 INPUT A1
230 PRINT
240 PRINT "ENTER THE VERTICAL SPACING BETWEEN"
250 PRINT "ADDRESSEE AND GREETING"
260 INPUT B1
270 GOTO 290
280 RESTORE
290 PRINT "ENTER FROM ONE TO FIVE DIGITS OF THE"
300 PRINT "ZIP CODE YOU WANT SEARCHED."
310 PRINT "### OR ENTER 'DONE' TO END SEARCH ###"
320 INPUT X$
330 IF X$="DONE" THEN GOTO 950
340 LET N=LEN(X$)
350 LET X$(1)=LEFT$(X$,N)
360 FOR X=1100 TO 9000 STEP 70
370 READ A$,B$,C$,D$,E$,F$,G$,H$
380 H$(1)=RIGHT$(H$,5)
390 LET H$(2)=LEFT$(H$(1),N)
400 IF A$="SEARCH WILL CONTINUE" THEN GOTO 920
410 IF X$(1)<>H$(2) THEN GOTO 910
420 PRINT "LINES ";X;" THROUGH ";X+60
430 PRINT
440 PRINT A$
450 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 490
460 PRINT B$
470 PRINT C$
480 PRINT D$
490 IF LEFT$(E$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 510
500 PRINT E$
510 IF LEFT$(F$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 530
520 PRINT F$
530 IF LEFT$(G$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 550
540 PRINT G$
550 PRINT H$
560 PRINT
570 PRINT "DO YOU WANT OUTPUT TO THE PRINTER?"
580 PRINT "ENTER 'P' IF YOU WANT PRINTER"
590 PRINT "ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER IF YOU WANT CRT"
600 INPUT P$
610 IF P$(">")="P" THEN GOTO 910
620 PORT= 7
630 PRINT TAB(D1);M$;" ";D$;" ";Y
640 FOR V=1 TO A1
650 PRINT
660 NEXT V
670 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 690
680 PRINT TAB(Z);B$;" ";C$;" ";D$
690 IF LEFT$(E$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 710
700 PRINT TAB(Z);E$
710 IF LEFT$(F$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 730
720 PRINT TAB(Z);F$
730 PRINT TAB(Z);G$
740 IF LEFT$(G$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 760
750 PRINT TAB(Z);G$

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760 PRINT TAB(Z);H$
770 FOR N=1 TO B1
780 PRINT
790 NEXT N
800 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 890
810 X$=RIGHT$(D$,3)
820 Z$=LEFT$(D$,LEN(D$)-3)
830 IF X$="III" THEN D$=Z$
840 IF X$=" II" THEN D$=Z$
850 IF X$=" Jr." THEN D$=Z$
860 IF X$=" Sr." THEN D$=Z$
870 PRINT TAB(Z);"Dear ";B$;" ";D$;": "
880 GOTO 900
890 PRINT TAB(Z);"Dear ";B$;": "
900 PORT= 1
910 NEXT X
920 PORT= 1
930 PRINT "THE FILE HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED"
940 GOTO 280
950 PORT= 1
960 PRINT "YOU HAVE EXITED PROGRAM"
970 PRINT "TYPE 'RUN' TO CALL UP PROGRAM"
980 END

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10 REM ***** JEFFREY M. CRAIG *****
20 REM ***** M A I L I N G   P A C K A G E *****
30 REM ***** S R E N V L Z P *****
40 LINE= 0
50 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM PRINTS ENVELOPES (SIZE 10)"
60 PRINT "TO COMPANIES BY SEARCHING THROUGH A DATA FILE"
70 PRINT "FOR A LEADING NUMBER IN A PARTICULAR ZIP CODE."
80 PRINT "DO YOU WANT YOUR ADDRESS TO APPEAR IN UPPER LEFT"
90 PRINT "CORNER OF ENVELOPE?"
100 PRINT "ENTER 'Y' FOR YES"
110 PRINT "ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER FOR NO"
120 INPUT L$
130 PRINT
140 IF L$<>"Y" THEN GOTO 280
150 PRINT "ENTER NAME AND ADDRESS TO APPEAR IN"
160 PRINT "UPPER LEFT CORNER OF ENVELOPE"
170 PRINT "*** MAKE SURE YOU ENTER NO COMMAS ***"
180 PRINT
190 PRINT "ENTER THE NAME"
200 INPUT N$
210 PRINT
220 PRINT "ENTER THE STREET ADDRESS"
230 INPUT S$
240 PRINT
250 PRINT "ENTER THE CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE"
260 INPUT Z$
270 RESTORE
280 PRINT "ENTER FROM ONE TO FIVE DIGITS OF THE ZIP CODE"
290 PRINT "YOU WANT SEARCHED."
300 PRINT "ENTER 'DONE' IF YOU WANT TO EXIT PROGRAM."
310 INPUT X$
320 IF X$="DONE" THEN GOTO 860
330 LET N=LEN(X$)
340 X$(1)=LEFT$(X$,N)
350 FOR X=1100 TO 9000 STEP 70
360 READ A$,B$,C$,D$,E$,F$,G$,H$
370 H$(1)=RIGHT$(H$,5)
380 H$(2)=LEFT$(H$(1),N)
390 IF A$="SEARCH WILL CONTINUE" THEN GOTO 810

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400 IF X$(1)<>H$(2) THEN GOTO 800
410 PRINT "LINES ";X$;" THROUGH ";X$+80
420 PRINT
430 PRINT A$
440 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 490
450 PRINT B$
460 PRINT C$
470 PRINT D$
480 IF LEFT$(E$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 500
490 PRINT E$
500 IF LEFT$(F$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 520
510 PRINT F$
520 IF LEFT$(G$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 540
530 PRINT G$
540 PRINT H$
550 PRINT
560 PRINT "DO YOU WANT OUTPUT TO THE PRINTER?"
570 PRINT "ENTER 'P' IF YOU WANT PRINTER"
580 PRINT "ENTER ANY OTHER CHARACTER IF YOU WANT CRT"
590 INPUT P$
600 IF P$<>"P" THEN GOTO 890
610 PORT= 7
620 IF L$<>"Y" THEN GOTO 690
630 PRINT N$
640 PRINT S$
650 PRINT Z$
660 FOR V=1 TO 4
670 PRINT
680 NEXT V
690 IF B$="sir" THEN GOTO 710
700 PRINT TAB(30);B$;" ";C$;" ";D$
710 IF LEFT$(E$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 730
720 PRINT TAB(30);E$
730 IF LEFT$(F$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 750
740 PRINT TAB(30);F$
750 PRINT TAB(30);A$
760 IF LEFT$(G$,3)="---" THEN GOTO 780
770 PRINT TAB(30);G$
780 PRINT TAB(30);H$
790 PORT= 1
800 NEXT X
810 PORT= 1
820 PRINT "THE FILE HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED"
830 PRINT
840 PRINT
850 GOTO 270
860 PORT= 1
870 PRINT "YOU HAVE EXITED PROGRAM"
880 PRINT "TYPE 'RUN' TO CALL UP PROGRAM"
890 END
1100 DATA "Smith Brothers Co."
1110 DATA "Mr.", "James B."
1120 DATA "Smith"
1130 DATA "Personnel"
1140 DATA "Research and Development"
1150 DATA "10 Smith St."
1160 DATA "San Antonio, TX 00000"
1170 DATA "Jones Textile Mills"
1180 DATA "Mr.", "John C."
1190 DATA "Knitter III"
1200 DATA "Manager"
1210 DATA "Undergarment Research"
1220 DATA "1001 Shady Lane"

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1230 DATA "Atlanta, GA 00000"
 1240 DATA "Porkbellies Unlimited"
 1250 DATA "sir", " "
 1260 DATA " "
 1270 DATA "Marketing"
 1280 DATA "Restaurant Division"
 1290 DATA "250 Schwine Dr."
 1300 DATA "Asheville, NC 00000"
 1310 DATA "Happy Hamburger Huts Inc."
 1320 DATA "Mr.", "J.P."
 1330 DATA "Smiley Jr."
 1340 DATA "President"
 1350 DATA "French Fries Division"
 1360 DATA "891 Madison Ave."
 1370 DATA "Chicago, IL 00000"
 1380 DATA "Snickerdoodle Cookie Company"
 1390 DATA "sir", "----"
 1400 DATA "----"
 1410 DATA "----"
 1420 DATA "----"
 1430 DATA "----"
 1440 DATA "Los Alamos, NM 10000"
 1450 DATA "SEARCH WILL CONTINUE"
 1460 DATA " ", " "
 1470 DATA " "
 1480 DATA " "
 1490 DATA " "
 1500 DATA " "
 1510 DATA " "
 1520 END

THE Speaker

A novel and useful new product has arrived for the Standard S50 Bus and Color Computer, the ALFORD and ASSOCIATES VS-1 SPEAKER. This unit is a voice synthesizer which will provide almost unlimited human speech capability. By the practice of phoneme coding, very intelligent speech can be stored and recited back, by the computer, in short order and with a minimum amount of RAM or ROM overhead. The unit is ideal for 'canned messages' and other applications where a spoken only or in conjunction with a visual response is desired. By 'fine tuning' the code, the speech can be made very 'human' like.

The unit is a 30 pin wired and tested board that installs on the normal 30 pin I/O bus section, of the Standard S50 Bus computer or the slide access slot of the Color Computer. It comes complete with a very comprehensive manual covering the art of synthesis methods for duplicating human speech, phonemes and what they are and how the human vocal tract forms these sounds, hardware installation, software instructions for the speaker, configuration for the supplied VOX Editor, printer use with the editor (FLEX™ - SSB™ and others), VOX editor description and command descriptions, Iphone a telephone answering program (source), software utilization for various BASIC's, a detailed hardware description of the unit, circuit drawing and board outlines, parts list and an appendix of many precoded words (makes learning a lot simpler).

SYNTHESIS METHODS

The documentation covers several methods of synthesizing the human voice. The first method is by sampling an actual voice input and storing it as a digital bit. This method probably produces the closest to actual human voice, but the disadvantages of complex

hardware and use of vast amounts of memory make it somewhat less desirable than the system used by this board. The second method is a variation of the above allowing an unlimited vocabulary, by storing the elements of spoken words (phonemes), and then having the output device (normally a computer) reconstruct them into vocal words, phrases and sentences. This is an improvement over the above but still uses far too much storage (memory) space. The third method (used by the Alford VS-1 Speaker) is an improvement of the second. Essentially what is done is this; a model of the human vocal tract is emulated by hardware and software to produce speech. This review cannot provide the space to go into a detailed paper on this method, suffice to say that the giant steps in integrated circuit design has made such efforts possible and available now, to the average computer user. Basically it involves a combination of an electronic model of the human vocal tract, control code ROM and latches and logic in a single IC (SC-01) to implement a device to generate a single phoneme for each byte sent by the computer.

An example of the following sounds and the code to produce them illustrates the simplicity of speech generation:

The word 'FATHER' would be coded as follows:

If by using this system we coded the word FATHER we could write the sound of 'a' as 'AH1'. The 1 indicates the duration of the sound, the AH the type of sound we desire, such as the broad 'a' as in FATHER. By using the supplied charts the word would be constructed as follows:

F AH1 THV ER

Also we might want to include speech inflection or pitch. The inflection or pitch symbol used is the '/'. So we would then code it as follows:

1/F 1/AH1 2/THV 3/ER

Now the word takes on a question inflection and would sound as 'Father?'. The spaces in the above code may be replaced by the comma.

1/F,1/AH1,2/THV,3/ER

Actually it is much simpler than the above would suggest. By using the table of words supplied it becomes increasingly easier to code more complex words and sentences. This 'shorthand' type of coding allows words, with the proper inflection, to be coded quickly. Also the editor allows the user to hear the word as soon as it is coded. This sure makes things a lot nicer, during a phoneme coding session.

SOFTWARE SUPPLIED

The first software package supplied (make sure you specify the type disk system - FLEX - SSB) we will look at is the VOX EDITOR. This editor entails a comprehensive speech editing program. After configuring the editor to suit you system, terminal and printer, a one time function, you will be able to develop phoneme code in an orderly and simple manner.

The commands are:

E - Edit Function
 M - Move Functions
 S - Speech Functions
 D - Disk Functions

When in one of the functions you will be

prompted for additional commands. Speech text commands include (I)sert, (A)dd, (D)delete, (E)dit, (N)umerics or (P)rint?

The process is a buffer editing process and you may insert lines, words or characters at will, when satisfied you may save the buffer to disk or test it by having the editor send it out to your speaker (not included). The insert command allows the insertion of the edited word before the current word pointer in the buffer. The Add command adds the word to the end of the text you are editing. The Delete command deletes the current word. The Edit command allows editing of the pointed word in the buffer. Numerics display the hexadecimal and decimal of the current word. This is great for assembler and BASIC programmers. Print gives a hard copy of the entire text you are editing.

MOVEMENT COMMANDS

By keying 'M' you enter the MOVEMENT command portion of the program. The 'R' command returns you from this mode. The MOVEMENT commands are (F)oreward which moves the word pointer one word toward the end of the text file. (B)ackward does just the opposite. (S)tart moves the pointer to the beginning of the buffer. (E) moves the pointer to the end of the buffer.

SPEECH COMMANDS

While in an editing session it is sometimes desirable to have the computer speak the text for test purposes (or in my case JUST FOR FUN). The (S)peak command has the following sub-command functions. (T)his speaks the word pointed to (current word). (U)p speaks everything from the start of the buffer up to and including the current pointed word. (H)ere speaks from the current word to the end of the buffer. (A)ll speaks the entire buffer. (R)eturns to the main editor program.

DISK COMMANDS

The command (D)isk calls the disk handling routines of the editor. The (S)ave command saves the entire buffer. (L)oad allows a previously saved text code file to be loaded. This command clears the buffer prior to execution. (A)ppend allows a saved file to be appended to the current buffer, without disturbing the current buffer or it's contents. Again (R)eturn gets us back to the main editing program.

Included is a telephone answering program that is used at Alford Associates to answer their telephone. The code is on the disk that comes with the SPEAKER board. It is an interrupt driven program that works in foreground; it's operation is transparent to the computer operator. This means that your phone can answer, wait for you to answer and give a message to the caller, all while you are still typing away on the keyboard. You will only detect a pause while the disk unloads the phone program (unless you vector the interrupt to the program located in protected RAM) and then you may continue with normal DOS operations. Care should be exercised concerning other devices on the system that also generate interrupts.

In addition to the detailed hardware section of the manual there is a section concerning points on programming in machine, assembler or BASIC (could apply equally for practically any other language).

The introduction of the SPEAKER board by Alford and Associates (see advertising this issue) brings to the Standard S50 Bus and Color Computer community a new and innovative product. Fun for the hobbyist and a meaningful tool to the business and more serious user.

The board is of excellent quality and comes wired and tested with sockets for all IC's. Dip switch selection makes things a lot simpler. All that is needed

to complete the package is a speaker or audio amplifier system (molex output connectors), the speaker or amplifier you furnish. In practice I found that the speaker is all that is needed as the onboard audio amplifier is quite adequate to drive a 3 to 5 inch standard 4-8 ohm speaker. If louder than normal sound is needed then the amplifier system will have to be attached instead of a speaker.

Having experimented with this unit it will be incorporated into our community bulletin board as soon as we get it running. This will allow you to receive vocal instructions as well as digital instructions when you call in. It is far superior to the other systems that we have evaluated. It should find many useful applications being developed for doing everything from listing out source and assembler programs to speaking 'BASIC' as it is running. As you come up with additional uses for this unit, please let me know.

Additional Information can be secured from:

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Dear Mr. Williams:

It was certainly pleasing to receive disks one and two offered in your Disk Program Service so quickly. They arrived just four working days following a telephone order. Additionally, your major program choices were excellent, and modifications for my system were minor.

Brian Bailey's FILEBORT feature, some of the clearest documentation I've seen. Manipulation of the disk catalogue is a scary process. And the opportunity to be in the program documentation to look before leaping is a great help. The anxiety appears to be allayed. Thank for FILEBORT has produced the results predicted.

Allen Clark's version of DISKEDIT by Laurence Strickland could be lots of fun just to watch. Clark has done a superb job of integrating the CT-82's programable functions with the DISKEDIT program. The screen presentation for the sector modify mode is an eloquent statement of what real creativity is all about. With a few simple additions, the old file dump display has been transformed into a very sophisticated operator/computer interface. It's both fun and simple to use.

The only modification needed for my system, a 54K SMTPC 6809 with an HP disk and a CT-82 terminal, involved the search mode in DISKEDIT. Search examines the disk contents a sector at a time. The version of FLE19 I use (2.712) returns error ten if an attempt is made to read sectors 120-13A on track zero. In addition, B-register appears to return with the address of the denied sector. Unfortunately, the program expects it to return with the error code. And since B-register holds the value to be printed in the error display routine, what one sees is not the error code.

The track zero sector read error can be eliminated by making a small change in the modification Clark recommends in DISKEDIT.REP which is included on the program disk. Line seven (between lines 711 and 714 in the original listing) should be changed from LDD #1 to LDD #101. This change causes the search to begin at track one, sector one. Nothing is lost in the process because that's where the user's files begin anyway.

In addition to modification of the error display routine, I have added some code to bypass EOF errors:

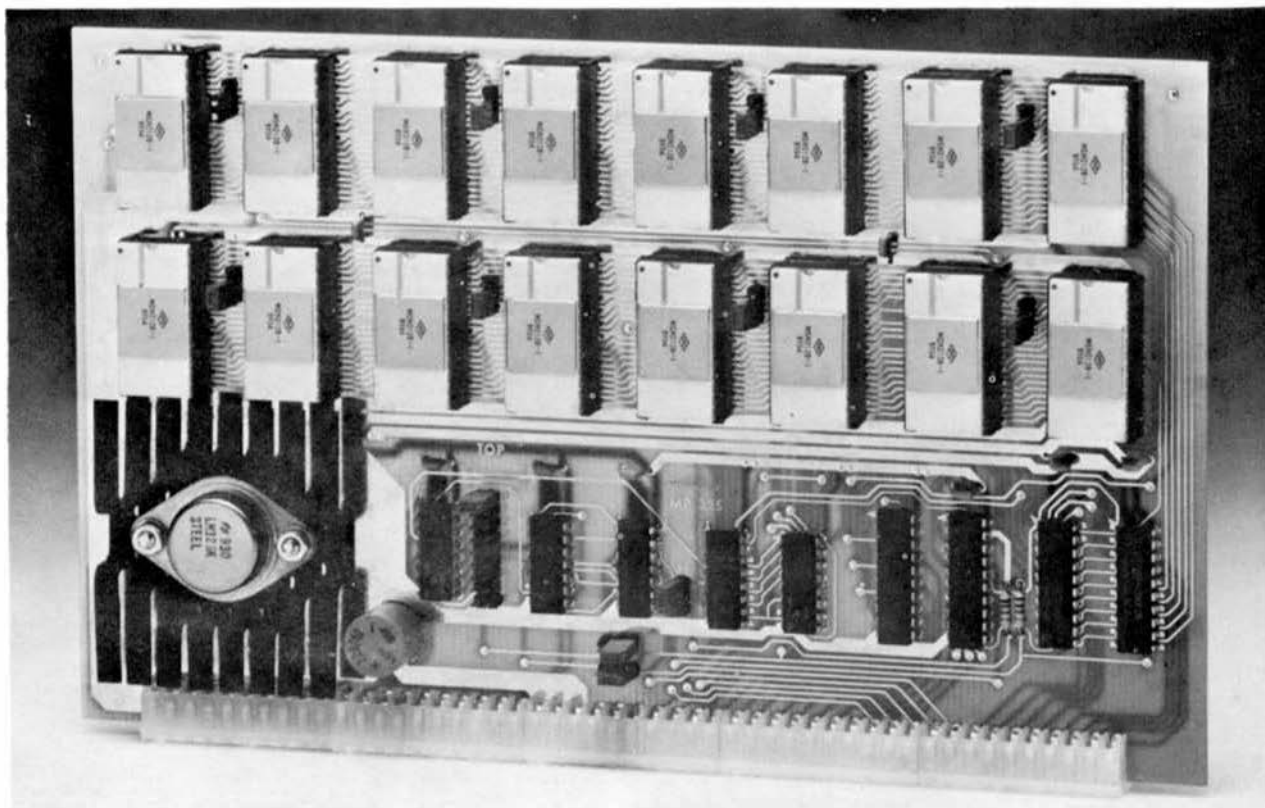
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181 POPS 3 SAVE WHATEVER'S IN B          (PUSH 1 unnecessary)
182 LDD 1,1 GET ERROR # FROM PCB
183 CMB #0 IF READ PART EOF ERROR
184 ONE B000 THEN SKIP ERROR ROUTINE
185 PULS 3 RETRIEVE 3
186 BRA CNOP AND CONTINUE ON
187 COERR LEAR RDERR.PCR ELSE SOME HARDWARE ERROR      (added label)
188 LBRP PTRN PRINT MSG HEADER
189 DELETED
190 LBRP PTRN PRINT ERROR # IN HEX      (moved to 190 +1)
191 LEAR RDERR2.PCR AND TRAILER MSG
192 LBRP PTRN
193 PULS 3
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This is hatchet style re-programming, but it appears to work.

One of the 'other' processor oriented magazines appears just to have discovered the 6809. They even go so far as to suggest that it may be a fitting successor to the chip they've been advertising. If they had been reading '68' Micro Journal, they could have known that the 6809 has been eating 'apples' for a couple of years. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

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Dear Gene and Readers,

In your July, 1981 issue you published a letter from James L. Dean regarding direct cursor positioning on the TAND OUTPOST II computer. I would like to caution your readers using TAND Computers that the method described by Mr. Dean may produce some undesirable side effects. There is a more reliable method of handling direct cursor positioning.

In the TAND Outpost II running 4800 FLEX 2.0 (tm) and the LOTUS monitor, roughly 90% of the CRT handling is done in software. Positioning the CRT registers directly, can have very undesirable side effects. If the user has LOTUS 3, version 1.5 as the monitor, direct cursor positioning is available. Simply use a line such as the following to position the cursor from BASIC:

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150 PRINT CHR$(1);CHR$(X);CHR$(Y)
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where X and Y are the cursor coordinates with 0,0 being the home position. If the user has an earlier version of LOTUS which does not have the cursor positioning, an update is available for a modest copying charge.

Now topics:

In an earlier issue, this year, you published a program by Brian Bailey called FILESORT. This is an excellent file directory program with one MAJOR flaw. It is NOT interruptible. Mr. Bailey has made frequent use of the S register for data manipulation. Since any interrupt pushes certain system registers onto the system stack, if the S register is in the wrong place, data will be corrupted.

Our 4800 FLEX (tm) installation on the TAND Outpost II computer is fully interrupt driver. Many other systems are now using interrupts for such things as real time clocks, spooling, etc. I would like to urge readers and users of 4800 systems, PLEASE DO NOT use the system stack pointer (SI) for data manipulation. Use the user stack pointer (UI) or one of the index registers (X or R) for this purpose. If you do anything with the system stack pointer, carefully consider... "What would happen if an interrupt occurred at this point?"

Keep up the good work with a fine magazine. I will have a separate letter describing experiences and bugs with the Color Computer shortly.

Sincerely,

Cal R. Hansen
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APRIL 30, 1981
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DEAR MR. WILLIAMS,

ATTACHED IS A PROGRAM TO REDUCE TELEPHONE EXPENSE AND PROVIDE A HARD COPY WHEN COMMUNICATING WITH BULLETIN BOARD. OPERATING THE MODEM AT 300 BAUD IS A LITTLE FAST TO DIGEST INFORMATION WITHOUT LONG PAUSES, ALSO A HARD COPY IS OFTEN DESIREABLE. I OPERATE THE CRT AT 1200 BAUD AND A TELETYPE AT 110 BAUD. THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS THE THREE SPEEDS BY USING A BUFFER FOR THE 110 BAUD PRINTER. A RAPID EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES OVER THE PHONE COUPLED MODEM REDUCES CONNECTION TIME AND THEREFORE EXPENSE. AFTER THE TRAFFIC EXCHANGE IS COMPLETED AT 300 BAUD THE PHONE IS HUNG UP, BUT THE BUFFER WILL CONTINUE TO EMPTY BEFORE ALLOWING THE PROGRAM TO RETURN TO THE MONITOR.

THE PRINTER IS NORMALLY NOT ACTIVE. A CONTROL 'P' WILL TOSSE THE PRINTER ON, ALLOWING ALL SUBSEQUENT DATA TO BE ROUTED TO THE CRT AND TO THE PRINTER BUFFER. THE PROGRAM WILL TRY TO EMPTY THE BUFFER TO THE PRINTER WHEN IT IS NOT BUSY SERVICING THE MODEM OR CRT. A SECOND CONTROL 'P' WILL TURN THE PRINTER OFF AND CLEAR THE BUFFER. NO CHECK IS MADE FOR BUFFER OVERFLOW. IF THE PRINTER CATCHES UP TO CURRENT DATA THE BUFFER WILL AUTOMATICALLY RESET TO THE START OF BUFFER.

THE EQUATES ARE REFERENCED FOR THREE OF THE POPULAR OPERATING SYSTEMS TO MAKE IT USEFUL TO OTHER BULLETIN BOARD USERS.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD WORK ON '68' MICRO JOURNAL

Sincerely,
Walt Cook
WALT COOK

••THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS THE MODEM TO BE••
••CONNECTED TO PORT #3, TTY TO PORT #2,••
••AND TV TERMINAL TO PORT #1. PRINT OUT OF••
••ALL MODEM TRAFFIC TO TV AND PRINTER,••
••THE PRINTER IS TOGGLED BY CONTR L P.••

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••          FLEX2 -----FLEX1-----3WTRUG
PORT1 EQU  $8004
PORT2 EQU  $8008
PORT3 EQU  $800C
PUTCHR EQU  $A018      $7112      SEID1
WARMS EQU  $A003      $7103      SE0E3
PSTRNG EQU  $AD1F      $711R      SE07E

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ORG $90
BFRPTR RMB 2
PNTPTR RMB 2
PTRFLG RMB 1

START ORG $C000
BEGIN BRA $E010
      FCB $03
      JSR SETBFR
      CLR PTRFLG
      JSR INTI23
      JSR INTI22
      JSR MODMCK
      BCS MODCHAR
      JSR K90CK
      BCS K90CHAR
      JSR PTRFC
      BCS PTROUT
      BRA MAINLP

INTI22 LOX #PORT2
      LDA A #503
      STA A 0,X
      LDA A #501
      STA A 0,X
      RTS

INTI23 LDX #PORT3
      LDA A #503
      STA A 0,X
      LDA A #509
      STA A 0,X
      RTS

PTRFC LDX PNTPTR
      CPY BFRPTR
      BNE TFCVBL
      JSR CLC
      RTS

TFCVBL SEC
      RTS

K90CK LDX #PORT1
      BRA STATUS
      LDX #PORT3
      JSR RECSTAT
      RTS

RECSTAT LDA A 0,X
      ASR A
      RTS

SNDSTAT LDA A 0,X
      ASR A
      ASR A
      RTS

SETBFR LOX #50100
      STX BFRPTR
      STX PNTPTR
      RTS

NO CHAR LDA A 1,X
      AND A #57F
      CMPA #57F
      BEQ MAINLP
      TST PTRFLG
      BEQ TVONLY
      LDX BFRPTR
      STA A 0,X
      INX
      STX BFRPTR
      JSR PUTCHR
      BRA MAINLP

TVONLY LDA 3
      AND 9
      CMP 9
      BEQ #57F
      CMP 3
      BEQ #504
      BEQ SPECIAL
      CMP 3
      BEQ PTRTOG
      LOX #PORT3
      JSR SNDSTAT
      BCC WAITMOY
      STA 9
      BRA HERE

PTROUT LOX #PORT2
      JSR SNDSTAT
      BCC HERE
      JSR PTRSUS
      BRA HERE

PTRSUS LDX PNTPTR
      LDA A 0,X
      INX
      STX PNTPTR
      LDX #PORT2
      STA A 1,X
      RTS

SPECIAL JSR PTRFC
      BCC GOFLEX
      LDX #530
      JSR PSTRNG
      LDX #P3RT2
      JSR SNDSTAT
      BCC WAITPR
      JSR PTRSUS
      JSR PTRFC
      BCC GOFLEX
      BRA WAITPR

PTRTOG COM
      TST PTRFLG
      BNE HERE
      BSR SETBFR
      BRA HERE

TEMPORARY POINTERS
POINT3 NXT AVBL BFR
POINT9 NXT PNTA CHR

PROGRAM START ADOR
VERSION
SET UP BUFFER POINTERS
PTR FLAG IS INITIALLY OFF
INITIALIZE MONITOR PORT
INITIALIZE PRINTER PORT
SEE IF MODEM HAS CHAR
IF CHAR AVBL
SEE IF X9D HAS CHAR
IF X9D HAS CHAR
IS TFC IN 3FR FOR PTR
IF TFC, TRY OUTPUT IT
LOOP-DE-LOOP
PRINTER PORT
RESET ACIA

CTL WD- 7 3IT+EVEN PAR
      2 STOPS /16CK
      (110 3AUD)

MODEM PORT
RESET ACIA

CTL D- 7 3IT+EVEN PAR
      1 STOP /16CK

IF EQ NO PTRA TFC

CLEAR PTR TFC FLAG
SET PTR TFC FLAG

BIT 00=DATA AVBL=1
BIT 01=ACIA FULL=0

INITIAL PTR 9FR START
GET CHAR
MASK PARITY
IF DELETE FORGET IT

TEST PTR FLAG CONDITION
IF PTR OFF DONT PUT IN BUFFER
POINT NXT AVBL 9FR LCN
SAVE IN PTR 9FR

SEND TO TV

MASK OFF PARITY
IS IT CONTROL D?
TEMP USED TO END PROG
CONTROL P-PRINT TOGGLE
THEN TOGGLE PTR FLO

MODEM BUSY
SEND 490 CHAR

BACK TO MAINLOOP
OR OUTPUT TO PTR

PTR OUTPUT SUBROUTINE

CHANGE PTRFLG
TEST TO SEE IF TURNED OFF
IF NOT 30 MAIN LOOP
IF NOW OFF CLR BUFFERPTR
THEN MAIN LOOP

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GOFLEX JWP
MSB FCC
FCC
FCC
FCC
FCC
END
START

WARMS
'RETURN TO PLEX DELAYED UNTIL '
'THE TELETYPE HAS FINISHED COPYING.'
SOT, SOD, SOT, SOD, SOD, SOD, SOD
'HANG UP THE PHONE!!!!!! '
START

Don Williams, Publisher
68 MICRO JOURNAL
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Dear Don,

I'm honored you decided to print my "TC-3 w/6809" article, and hope some
"tape users" may find it useful. A possible "glitch" has appeared through which now
causes problems for some users of the Transit-City Loader program.

The problem will most likely appear at the very beginning of the program,
after the user has been cued to start the recorder and hit the 'RETURN' key.
Instead of proceeding, the program will restart. This occurs because the
instruction following the 'character input' instruction (JSR INCH) checks for SOD
(PRT) in the accumulator (A). If the character input routine called (in S-BUG)
doesn't store the parity bit (bit 7) and your terminal SENDS eight bits, you might
end up with SOD in the accumulator instead of the expected SOD, and the program will
go no further.

This happens because there are TWO character input routines in S-BUG:
INCH and INCH2. INCH2, which is entered at \$F0E8, reads the accumulator with \$7F,
which effectively "masks out" bit 7, while INCH (\$F0CB) retains all eight bits, if
received. It makes no difference which routine you use if your keyboard/terminal
only SENDS seven bits, but if it sends a parity bit (bit 7), this must be masked off
before comparing the A accumulator with SOD. My terminal is hardware-set (by option
switch) to send seven bits, so I never really paid much attention to which S-BUG
routine I used; except when I specifically wanted the input character to be "echoed"
back on the CRT. INCH2 also does this, whereas INCH doesn't. So, if your
keyboard/terminal sends eight bits, preventing the program from starting the load,
either add a PRRR \$7F right after the JSR INCH instruction, or change INCH's EQUATE
from \$F0CB to \$F0E8.

None this prevents any problems encountered by some users.

Sincerely,



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June 25, 1981

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who wish to evaluate the systems prior to purchase. The cost is
deductible from the software purchase price.

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Hazelwood, Missouri --- Hazelwood Computer Systems announces
their HELIX computer system. Based on an expanded version of the
SS-50 bus, the HELIX can utilize either a 6809 or a 68000 proces-
sor. The expanded bus, termed the SS-64 bus, accommodates the
68000 processor with no loss of capability in either addressing

or data transfer rate. Bus expansion is accomplished by adding
four address lines, eight data lines, and two word control lines
to the existing 50 pin bus. Proper use of the word control lines
allows 16 bit and 8 bit devices to operate intermixed on the bus.
Relying on the physical nature of the connectors used by the SS-
50 bus, bus compatibility is achieved simply by allowing the 14
expanded bus lines to remain unconnected when 50 pin boards are
inserted. Keying of the boards ensures unambiguous insertion of
a 50 pin board into the physically wider 64 pin bus. The wider
bus also permits a 25% larger board which is advantageous with
the 64 pin package used by the 68000. The standard 30 pin I/O
bus is not affected by the main bus expansion.

The HELIX system bus is housed in an attractive integral cabi-
net which can accommodate 10 SS-64 boards on the main bus and 14
boards on the 30 pin I/O bus. In addition, the equivalent of two
I/O boards are mounted directly on the system bus board, provid-
ing two RS-232 serial ports and two parallel ports. One parallel
port is buffered for printer output and the other may be used for
input or unbuffered output. Provision is made for mounting two 5
1/4 inch disk drives, either floppy or Winchester, directly in
the cabinet. The HELIX is powered by a ferro-resonant AC sup-
ply, conservatively rated at a TRUE 25 Amps at 8.5 Volts. Power
is controlled by a front panel mounted key switch. While pri-
marily designed for table top use, rack mount adaptors are avail-
able which allow easy integration into instrument rack assemblies
and office desk cabinets.

The 6809 HELIX is the first 6809 system designed from the
ground up to operate at 2MHz. "B" specification parts are em-
ployed throughout in order to ensure reliable performance at the
faster clock rates. The 6809 processor board, (CP-09) has provi-
sion for six 2716 PROMS which may be selectively mapped into ROM
address space for self-test and bootstrap operations. The board
comes standard with a 1K scratchpad RAM, 6840 timer, and a Dynamic
Address Translator (DAT) which is compatible with both GIMIX and
SUTPIC data thereby ensuring software compatibility. The processor
board is equipped with a console connector and supporting logic
which, when used with an optional console panel, greatly enhances
the software development support capability of the system. The HELIX
normally utilizes one or more of Hazelwood's field proven DM-64
2MHz 64K dynamic memory board. This memory, employing a propri-
etary memory control design, allows full 2MHz operation with no
lost or stolen cycles. The system is available with a 5 inch dou-
ble density floppy disk controller and can accommodate other disk
controllers if 8 inch and/or DMA is required. Software compatibil-
ity includes OS-9 and FLEX.

The 68000 HELIX allows full use of 68000 capabilities. The
24 bit address space addresses up to 16 Megabytes of memory and
when used with the new DM-512 memory, 16 bit transfers are possible
at full clock rates. The 10 main bus positions allow a maximum
of 4 Megabytes of memory in the cabinet, along with a 16 bit wide
DMA disk controller. The 68000 processor board (CP-68K) includes
on-board ROMs for self-test and bootstrap operations, a Memory
Management Unit (MMU) which supports UNIX-like operating systems,
a console connector which supports an option software development
console panel, and byte/word logic which allows the 68000 to util-
ize existing 8 bit memories such as the DM-64.

Representative prices for HELIX systems, less disk subsystems,
are:

6809 HELIX, 64K	\$1995
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SS-64 BUS SPECIFICATION

The SS-64 Bus is an extension of the SS-50c Bus which is capable of
sixteen bit parallel data transfers as well as full twenty four bit
memory addressing.

Throughout this specification, a Bus Master is considered to be any
board capable of controlling the Bus (CPU, DMA boards) while the
term Slave refers to those boards which respond to the requests of
the Bus Masters (memories, programmed I/O boards).

The SS-64 accommodates the new 16-bit processors in two basic modes.
These are: 1) full 16-bit parallel data transfers
2) multiplexed 16-bit data transfers in two 8-bit bytes

Full 16-bit transfers are possible with 16-bit memory boards while
8-bit transfers are used with existing 8-bit memory boards. The two
handshake signals (WORDREQ and WORDACK) allow 8 and 16-bit memory
boards to be used in any mix requiring no special switch or jumper
settings on any of the boards. Also, 16-bit memory boards may be
used with 8-bit CPU boards on the SS-64 bus, again with no special
switch settings.

All existing SS-50 boards may be used on the SS-64 bus and where
physical space permits, all SS-64 (16-bit) boards may be used on
the SS-50 bus.

The SS-50 I/O bus (SS-30) is retained exactly as is for complete
compatibility.

The operation of the handshake lines is as follows. Concurrent with
the setting up of the address and read/write lines, the 16-bit CPU
sets the WORDREQ line to a low (assuming a 16-bit transfer is re-
quested). If a 16-bit memory board is selected by the address lines,
it sets WORDACK to a low for the duration of the cycle. If an 8-bit
memory is selected by the address lines, it will not be connected
to the WORDREQ and WORDACK lines, and will thus not respond to the
WORDREQ with a WORDACK. The 16-bit CPU not having received a WORDACK
will respond by finishing the current cycle and then initiating
another cycle at the next address to pick up the remaining 8 bits. It
then presents the two bytes to the CPU chip as a 16-bit word.


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01A3 B6 0A LBL9 LDA A #00A GIVE LINE FEED
01A5 BD AD OF JSR ASC
01AB B6 OD LDA A #00D
01AA BD AD OF JSR ASC
01AD B6 01 LDA A #001
01AF 97 02 STA A #02
01B1 7E 01 16 JMP CTR2
01B4 B6 00 LBL11 LDA A #000 COUNTER FOR FIGURES ZERO
01B6 97 04 STA A #04
01B8 C6 01 LDA B #001 SET FLAG FOR LETTERS
01BA BD 01 12 JSR CTR1
01D B6 B6 05 LBL13 LDA A DATA
01C0 B1 BD CMP A #00D CAR RETURN TO STOP PROGRAM
01C2 27 07 BEQ LBL12BIS
01C4 B1 9B CMP A #00B EBC FOR RESTART
01C6 27 06 BEQ LBL14
01C8 7E 01 27 JMP LBL1BIS
01CB 7E AD 03 LBL12BIS JMP #AD03
01CE 7E 01 00 LBL14 JMP START

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* NOT USED MEM LOCATIONS BETWEEN 0200 & 0260:000

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0200 00
020A 02
020D 08
0220 04
0222 31
0223 34
0224 29
0226 3A
022C 2C
0227 2B
0228 2F
0229 32
022D 23
022E 3C
022F 3D
0230 36
0231 37
0232 33
0233 21
0234 2A
0235 30
0236 35
0237 27
0238 26
0239 38
023A 2E
023B 3E
023C 00
023D 09
023E 00
023F 39
0240 00
0241 93
0242 19
0243 0E
0244 09
0245 01
0246 0D
0247 1A
0248 14
0249 06
024A 0B
024B 0F
024C 12
024D 1C
024E 0C
024F 18
0250 16
0251 17
0252 0A
0253 05
0254 10
0255 07
0256 1E
0257 13
0258 1D
0259 15
025A 11
025B 2F
025C 0E
025D 32
025E 0E
025F 00

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The program as given penalizes Basic. Changing line 100 to:
100 D = M/K : IF INT (D) = D THEN 190
will improve performance from 9 to 10%.

Further changing as follows will improve performance another 2 to 3%.

Take out line 70.

80 FOR M = 5 TO 10000 STEP 2.

190 NEXT M.

These changes would not change the assembly listings.

Much more testing on other programs needs to be done to determine the performance of the Basic for the Color Computer.

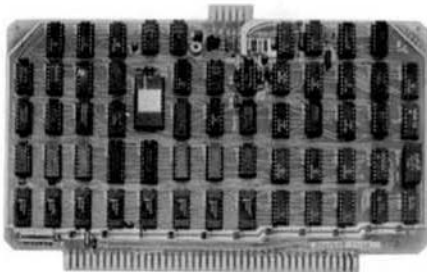
There is nothing wrong per se in using an inefficient algorithm for timing comparison, but there is danger that the program might be used as a Prime Number Generator. While the program given is not as inefficient as some (for example the one listed in the book Some Common Basic Programs), it is very inefficient.

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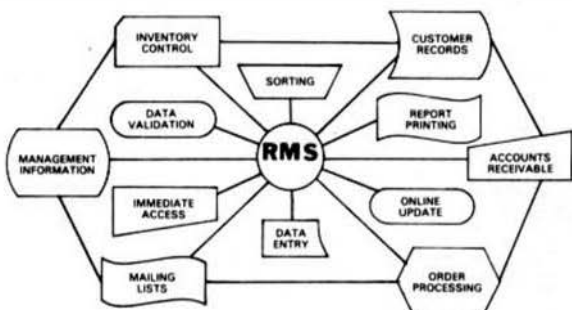
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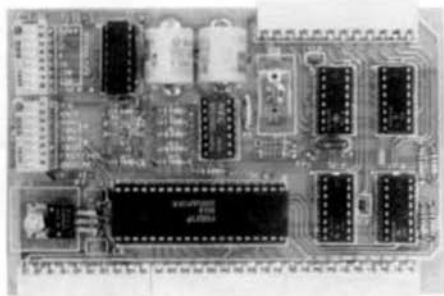
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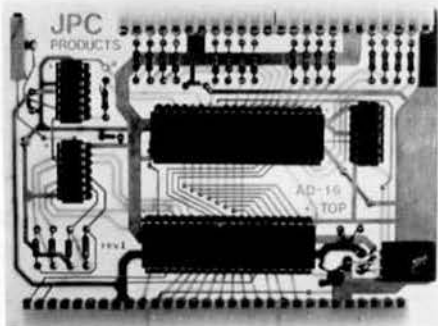
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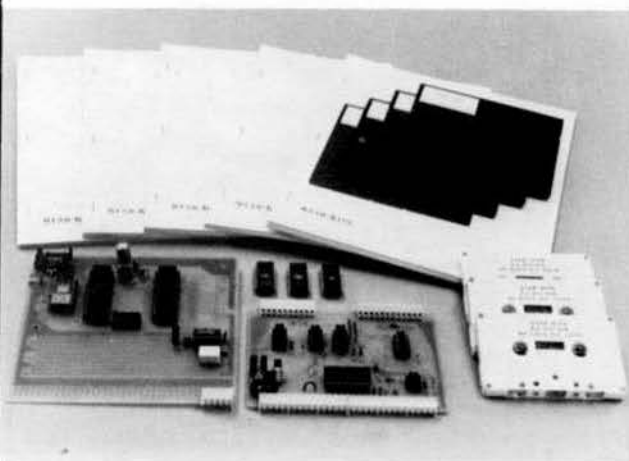
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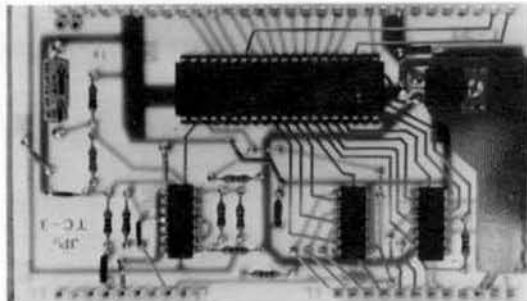
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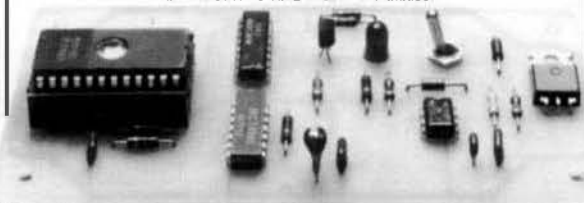
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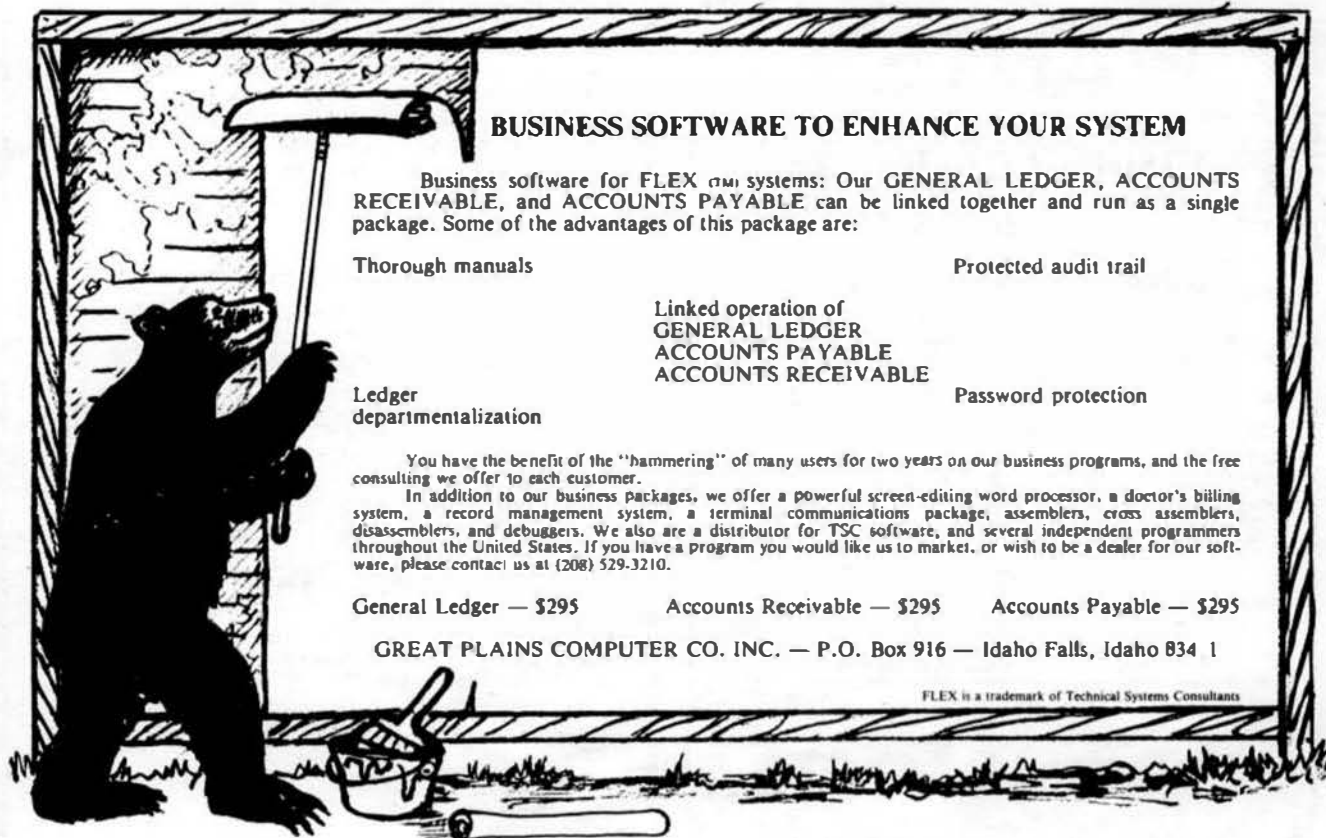
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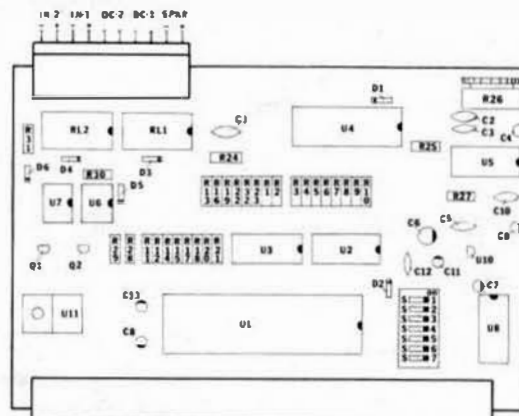
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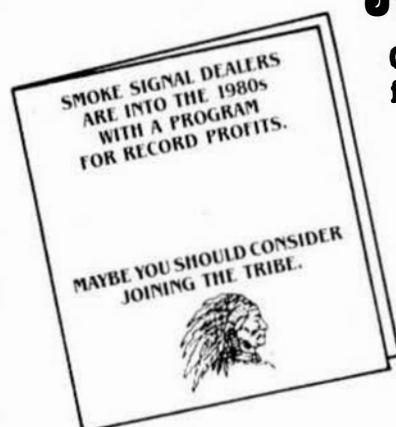
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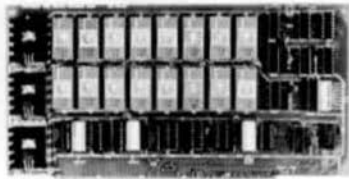
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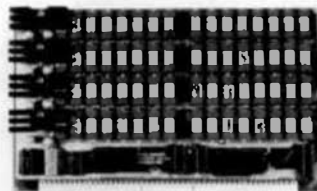
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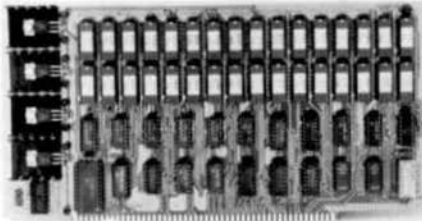
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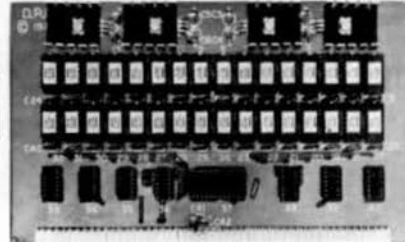
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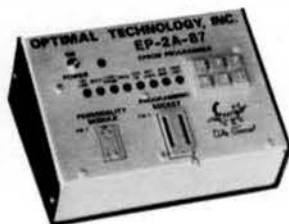
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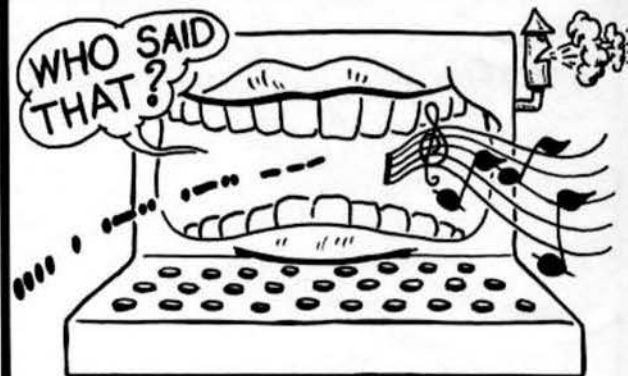


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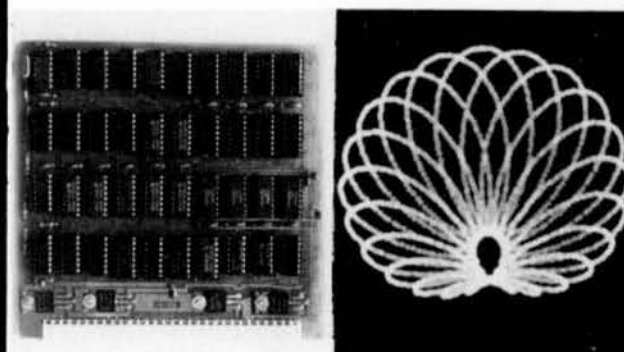
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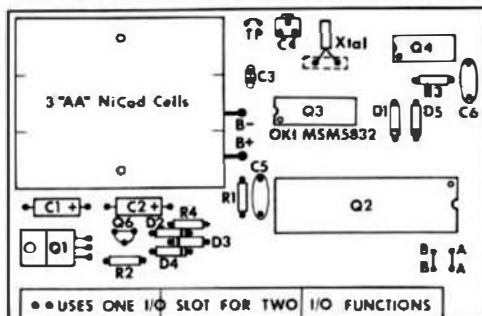
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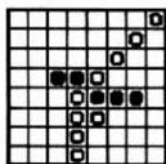
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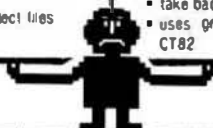
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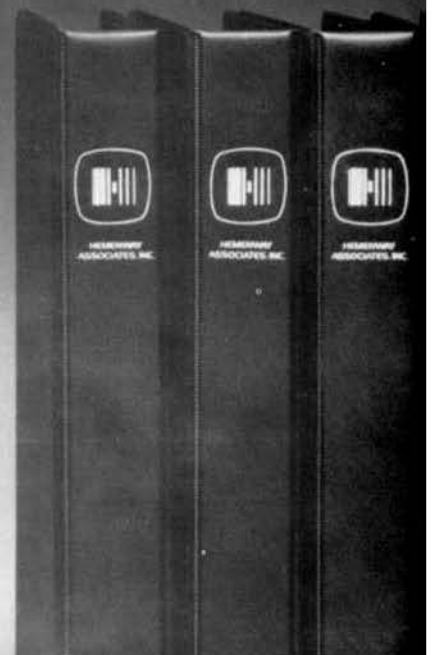
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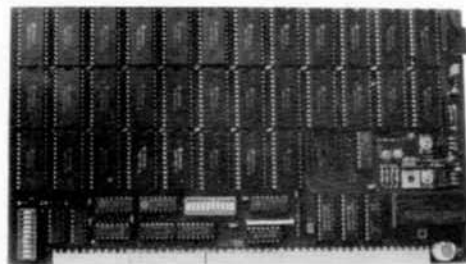
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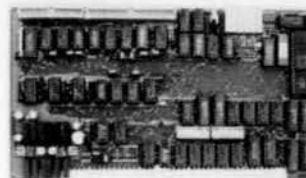
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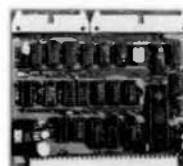
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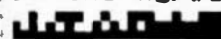
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